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LETTERS OF Welcome



GMC Assembly of Bishops

Sisters and Brothers,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

We warmly welcome you to the 2026 General Conference of the Global Methodist Church. As we gather, we hear the invitation of Psalm 29:2 and Psalm 96:9—to ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name and to worship Him in the splendor of His holiness. These words call us not only to worship, but to come with reverent expectation and a deep longing for holiness.

In these past years, we have witnessed the glory of God at work in this movement. And as a people who long to be shaped by that glory and perfected in holiness, we trust that God will continue to do great and mighty things among us during our time together in Johannesburg.

So, we invite you to enter these days with expectant hearts—open to all that God desires to do in us and through us through worship, prayer, fellowship, and service. May every decision we make flow from a deep desire to live fully into who God is calling us to be, both as individuals and as a people participating in a movement of the Holy Spirit—one committed to making disciples of Jesus Christ and spreading scriptural holiness across the globe.

These days will help shape and guide how we live out that mission in the years ahead. Therefore, let us commit ourselves to seeking not our own way in anything, but God's way in everything. We are praying for a fresh and powerful anointing of the Holy Spirit—that we may be continually transformed by God's grace and sent forth to extend that grace to the ends of the earth.

While the work of legislation is important, it is empty apart from a shared pursuit of the holiness and splendor of God, and a deep desire to bear His image more fully.

It is our hope that we will leave this time of holy conferencing having encountered the glory of God—deepened in holiness and perfected in love. May our calling be clarified and united, so that our movement is fully aligned with the mission we proclaim. And in the beauty of God's holiness, may we say “yes” to a Spirit-filled life, to a holy calling, and to all that brings glory to God and advances His kingdom.

Bishop John Pena Auta
Bishop Kimba Evariste
Bishop Jeff Greenway

Bishop Leah Gregory
Bishop Scott Jones
Bishop Eduard Khegay

Bishop Kenneth Levingston
Bishop Carolyn Moore
Bishop Mark Webb

Connectional Operations Officer

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

I bring you greetings from the Global Methodist Church's staff as we prepare to gather in Johannesburg, South Africa for our 2026 General Conference. As I reflect on this historic event, I am reminded of the scene the apostle John shares in Revelation 7:9, "After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb." It's hard to comprehend what that scene will be like someday in heaven, but I believe we're about to get a glimpse of it in Johannesburg.

An incredible amount of time and energy has been invested in preparation for this gathering, but the most critical preparations start with each of us.

First, may we prepare our own hearts. If we truly want to follow Jesus at General Conference, we need to heed His words in Matthew 16:24, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." Followers give up control. Followers surrender their own agendas. May we approach everything before us at General Conference consumed with following Jesus rather than pursuing our own desires.

Second, may we prepare ourselves to participate with an attitude that fuels building a movement rather than a denomination. Our God is a God of movement. As we reflect on legislation, may we always ask ourselves, "Is this decision feeding a movement or an institution?" It's easier to default to creating rules so that we can control things. Movements need guardrails, rather than a multitude of rules. A thinner Book of Doctrines and Discipline will keep us on the path of movement.

Third, may we prepare ourselves to fully live into being a global movement. We now have over 50 annual conferences scattered all around the world. Every conference has great leaders, great ideas, and great passion for Jesus. I hope we come to Johannesburg to get to know one another on a deeper level, to listen well, and to honor what each brings to the table. Revival fires will be lit when we honor every part of the body of Christ.

May we all come prepared expecting God to work mighty miracles in Johannesburg!



Rev. Mike Schafer

Connectional Operations Officer | Global Methodist Church

General Conference Commission Chair

Dear Global Methodist Brothers and Sisters,

On behalf of the General Conference Commission (GCC), I want to welcome you to the 2026 General Conference. We are excited that the time is drawing near for the first Global Methodist Church General Conference on the Continent of Africa. We have been working hard since the close of the 2024 General Conference in Costa Rica to prepare for your coming. Our Logistics Team and International Relations have worked to get you here and to prepare the venue, hotels, and flights.

The 2026 General Conference will convene at the Sandton Convention Center with our Opening Worship and Concert of Prayer beginning at 8:45AM on August 30th. Our time together will conclude with the Consecration service at 3:00PM on September 5th.

Our Hospitality Team will meet you at the Airport and direct you to either the Gautrain or the available shuttles. Our Registration Team will register you and provide your nametag. Our Worship Team has worked to provide worship styles and dynamic preaching from around the globe. We will be called together for each session with drums, and Wednesday night is Africa Night with music, food, and fellowship.

Our Prayer Team has been praying for you and has created prayer tools for the whole church to pray for you before and during GC2026. Our Mission Team is creating mission opportunities for you and others to impact parts of Johannesburg for the Kingdom. Our Agenda, Petitions, and Legislative Teams have organized our time together so that you can efficiently do all of your voting, legislative, and plenary work. Our Pages and Marshals are ready to serve your needs onsite and our Hospitality Team will be available always to answer questions and help you.

Please pray for the 2026 General Conference Commission and the hundreds of staff and volunteers who are serving Christ and the Global Methodist Church by serving you. We know that there will be surprises and unforeseen circumstances in an undertaking this large. I ask for your grace and patience as we walk this road together. I thank God for each of you and the part that you will be playing as we come together to worship, elect Bishops, and engage in Holy Conferencing. It has been an honor to lead the 2026 GCC and to work with such an amazing group of leaders from around the world. I look forward to meeting you in person in Johannesburg, South Africa.

Blessings Always,



Rev. Mike Grant
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16th April 2026

Our Honourable Bishops, Clergy and Lay Delegates, Alternates and Observers,
Distinguished Guests and Friends.

Greetings to you all in the name of our Lord Jesus, Amen.

It is with profound joy and heartfelt thanksgiving that we, South Africa Conference of Global Methodist Church, extend a warm and gracious welcome to all members and to the entire Global Methodist international family, gathered from various conferences and regions to attend this General Conference, convening from 30th August to 5th September 2026 in Johannesburg, Sandton.

It is our earnest prayer that your presence among us may, by the grace of Almighty God, be crowned with great success, in accordance with the careful preparations made for this sacred gathering. We are further assured that your prayers, worship, and ministry during this time shall contribute meaningfully toward addressing the challenges we continue to face both as the Church and as a continent, particularly in these demanding times. We continually beseech the Holy Spirit to uphold, guide, and sustain these proceedings in patience, unity, and divine wisdom.

We are mindful that our gathering in this place, for the purpose of consultation and discernment concerning the affairs of the Church, ought to strengthen and renew our commitment to the mission of Christ and His Church. Therefore, with these words, I gladly and sincerely welcome you to this Conference. We affirm that we are a people shaped by love and rich in cultural heritage, who hold in high esteem the gift of hospitality and the spirit of gracious reception. Your presence among us is a profound blessing, not only to South Africa but to the whole of the African continent.

It is our firm conviction that, through our fellowship here, we shall be mutually enriched and edified. We therefore invite you to be at ease-make yourselves fully at home among us.

Yours in Christ



Rev. Bulelani Nontshakaza
Conference Superintendent



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CONFERENCE Materials



General Conference Schedule

This schedule is subject to change.

Monday August 24 – Wednesday, August 26

Arrival of bishops, staff, communications team, registration team, and General Conference Commission

Thursday August 27

Arrival of Council on Appeals and key volunteers

9:00 am	Assembly of Bishops meeting	Committee Room 2
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Friday August 28

Arrival of volunteers, delegates and alternates, and Emerging Area Representatives

9:00 am	Assembly of Bishops meeting	Committee Room 2
9:00 am	Onsite registration begins	Foyer of Ballroom 1/70
10:00 am	Council on Appeals	Boardroom 3
10:00 am	Unplugged Worship Rehearsal	Ballroom 1/50
1:30 pm	General Conference Commission	Committee Room 1

Saturday August 29

8:00 am	Exhibits open	Exhibit Hall
8:00 am	Registration opens	Foyer of Ballroom 1/70
9:00 am	Conference Superintendents/Assembly of Bishops	Committee Room 2
9:00 am	Council on Appeals	Boardroom 3
9:00 am	Pages Training	Ballroom 1/50
10:00 am	Assistants to the Secretary Training	Boardroom 5
10:00 am	Worship Rehearsal	Ballroom 1/70
11:30 am	Credentials Committee	Ballroom 1/50
1:00 pm	Marshals Training	Ballroom 1/50
1:30 pm	Heads of Delegation	Ballroom 1/50
2:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Ballroom 1/70
2:00 pm	Prayer Team Orientation	Boardroom 4

3:00 pm	Agenda Committee	Boardroom 5
4:00 pm	Concert of Prayer Rehearsal	Ballroom 1/70
4:30 pm	Reference Committee	Boardroom 3
5:00 pm	Journal Committee	Boardroom 5
5:30 pm	Orchestra Rehearsal	Ballroom 1/70
6:00 pm	Connectional Council Dinner	Sandton Sun
6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Ballroom 1/70

Sunday August 30

7:00 am	Exhibits Open	Exhibit Hall
7:00 am	Worship Warmup and Sound check	Ballroom 1/70
7:00 am	Arrival Break	Exhibit Hall
8:00 am	Registration opens	Foyer of Ballroom 1/70
8:15 am	Consecration Prayer	Ballroom 1/70 Platform
8:15 am	Doors open to Worship	Ballroom 1/70
8:45 am	Welcome and Translation Training	Ballroom 1/70
9:00 am	Opening Worship including Concert of Prayer HOLINESS BEGINS WITH GOD Bishop Kenneth Levingston, preaching 1 Chronicles 16:23-33 (Psalm 96:1-13)	Ballroom 1/70
10:30 am	Break	
11:00 am	Opening Plenary Session ▪ Voting System Training ▪ Establishment of the Voting Bar of the Conference. ▪ Report of the General Conference Commission. ▪ Adoption of the Plan of Organization and Covenant for Our Life Together ▪ Adoption of the Proposed Agenda	Ballroom 1/70
12:30 pm	Lunch provided on-site for those with the meal plan	
1:15 pm	Consecration Prayer	Boardroom 4
1:45 pm	Plenary ▪ Episcopal Address - Bishop Scott Jones ▪ Bishop re-nomination vote for 2024 elected Bishops	Ballroom 1/70
3:15 pm	Break	
3:45 pm	Legislative Committees	
6:00 pm	Deadline for Submitting Committee Actions	
6:00 pm	Dinner provided on-site for those with the meal plan	
7:00 pm	Consecration Prayer	Boardroom 4
7:30 pm	Legislative Committees	
9:30 pm	Adjournment for the day	

Monday August 31

7:00 am	Exhibits Open	Exhibit Hall
7:00 am	Worship Warmup and Sound check	Ballroom 1/70
7:00 am	Arrival Break	Exhibit Hall
7:45 am	Consecration Prayer	Ballroom 1/70 Platform
7:45 am	Doors open to Worship	Ballroom 1/70
8:15 am	Worship ENCOUNTERING A HOLY GOD: TAKE OFF YOUR SHOES Rev. Portia Kuzanga, preaching Exodus 3-4	Ballroom 1/70
9:30 am	Legislative Committees	
10:30 am	Break	Exhibit Hall
11:00 am	Legislative Committees	
12:30 pm	Lunch provided on-site for those with the meal plan	
1:15 pm	Consecration Prayer	Boardroom 4
1:45 pm	Legislative Committees	
3:15 pm	Break	Exhibit Hall
3:45 pm	Legislative Committees	
6:00 pm	Deadline for Submitting Committee Actions	
6:00 pm	Dinner provided on-site for those with the meal plan	
7:00 pm	Consecration Prayer	Boardroom 4
7:30 pm	Legislative Committees (as needed)	
9:30 pm	Adjournment for the day	

Tuesday September 1

7:00 am	Exhibits Open	Exhibit Hall
7:00 am	Agenda Committee	Boardroom 5
7:00 am	Worship Warmup and Sound check	Ballroom 1/70
7:00 am	Arrival Break	Exhibit Hall
7:30 am	Registration open for walk-ins	Foyer of Ballroom 1/70
7:45 am	Consecration Prayer	Ballroom 1/70 Platform
7:45 am	Doors open to Worship	Ballroom 1/70
8:15 am	Worship HOLINESS CONVICTS AND CONVERTS Rev. Dr. Diane Ury, preaching Isaiah 6:1-8	Ballroom 1/70
9:30 am	Plenary Session ▪ Report of the Connectional Council ▪ Vote regarding continuing current Commissions (Par. 802.2)	Ballroom 1/70

10:30 am	Break	
11:00 pm	Plenary or Legislative Committees	Ballroom 1/70
12:30 pm	Lunch provided on-site for those with the meal plan	
12:30 pm	Ecumenical Guests Luncheon	Committee Room 3
1:15 pm	Consecration Prayer	Boardroom 4
1:45 pm	Legislative Committees	
3:15 pm	Break	Exhibit Hall
3:45 pm	Legislative Committees	
6:00 pm	Deadline for Submitting Committee Actions	
6:00 pm	Dinner on your own	
7:30 pm	Legislative Committees (as needed)	
7:30 pm	Worship Rehearsal with Zimbabwe Choir	Ballroom 1/70
10:00 pm	Final Deadline for Submitting Committee Actions	

Wednesday September 2

7:00 am	Exhibits Open	Exhibit Hall
7:00 am	Agenda Committee	Boardroom 5
7:00 am	Worship Warmup and Sound check	Ballroom 1/70
7:00 am	Arrival Break	Exhibit Hall
7:30 am	Registration open for walk-ins	Foyer of Ballroom 1/70
7:45 am	Consecration Prayer	Ballroom 1/70 Platform
7:45 am	Doors open to Worship	Ballroom 1/70
8:15 am	Worship	Ballroom 1/70
	SCRIPTURAL HOLINESS: CALLED TO A HOLY LIFE Rev. David Sablan, Jr., preaching Leviticus 19:2, 20:7, I Peter 1:15-16	
9:30 am	Plenary Session	Ballroom 1/70
10:30 am	Break	Exhibit Hall
11:00 am	Plenary Session	Ballroom 1/70
12:30	Lunch provided on-site for those with the meal plan	
1:15 pm	Consecration Prayer	Boardroom 4
1:45 pm	Plenary Session	Ballroom 1/70
	▪ Episcopal Elections First Ballot	
3:15 pm	Break	
	▪ Marketplace for the Celebration of Africa Ballroom 1/50	
3:45 pm	Plenary Session	Ballroom 1/70
4:30 pm	Adjourn to prepare for Celebration of Africa <i>Delegates take all materials with you</i>	
5:30 pm	Consecration Prayer	Boardroom 4
6:00 pm	Celebration of Africa – Everyone Welcome!	Ballroom 1/70

Thursday September 3

7:00 am	Exhibits Open	Exhibit Hall
7:00 am	Agenda Committee	Boardroom 5
7:00 am	Worship Warmup and Sound check	Ballroom 1/70
7:00 am	Arrival Break	Exhibit Hall
7:30 am	Registration open for walk-ins	Foyer of Ballroom 1/70
7:45 am	Consecration Prayer	Ballroom 1/70 Platform
7:45 am	Doors open to Worship	Ballroom 1/70
8:15 am	Worship ENTIRE SANCTIFICATION: FORGIVEN AND FREE Rev. Luciano Pereira Da Silva, preaching I Corinthians 2:9-3:4	Ballroom 1/70
9:30 am	Plenary Session	Ballroom 1/70
10:30 am	Break	Exhibit Hall
11:00 am	Plenary	Ballroom 1/70
12:00 pm	Covenant Signing with the Korean Methodist Church	
12:30 pm	Lunch provided on-site for those with the meal plan	
12:30 pm	Covenant Partners Luncheon	
1:15 pm	Consecration Prayer	Boardroom 4
1:45 pm	Plenary Session ▪ Volunteer Recognition ▪ Connectional Operations Officer Report	Ballroom 1/70
3:15 pm	Break	Exhibit Hall
3:45 pm	Plenary Session	Ballroom 1/70
5:30 pm	Celebration of Retiring Bishops	Ballroom 1/70
6:00 pm	Reception for Retiring and Newly-Elected Bishops	Foyer of Ballroom 1/70
6:00 pm	Dinner on your own	
7:30 pm	Consecration Service Rehearsal	Ballroom 1/70

Friday September 4

7:00 am	Exhibits Open	Exhibit Hall
7:00 am	Agenda Committee	Boardroom 5
7:00 am	Worship Warmup and Sound check	Ballroom 1/70
7:00 am	Arrival Break	Exhibit Hall
7:30 am	Registration open for walk-ins	Foyer of Ballroom 1/70
7:45 am	Consecration Prayer	Ballroom 1/70 Platform
7:45 am	Doors open to Worship	Ballroom 1/70
8:15 am	Worship	Ballroom 1/70
	CHRISTIAN PERFECTION: BEING PERFECTED IN LOVE Rev. Mark Sorenson, preaching Matthew 22:37-40; Ezekiel 36:24-29	
9:30 am	Plenary Session ▪ Commission Elections Begin	Ballroom 1/70
10:30 am	Break	Exhibit Hall
11:00 pm	Plenary Session	Ballroom 1/70
12:30 pm	Lunch provided on-site for those with the meal plan	
1:15 pm	Consecration Prayer	Boardroom 4
1:45 pm	Plenary Session	Ballroom 1/70
3:15 pm	Break	Exhibit Hall
3:45 pm	Plenary Session	Ballroom 1/70
6:00 pm	Dinner on your own	
7:00 pm	Consecration Prayer	Boardroom 4
7:30 pm	Plenary Session (as needed)	Ballroom 1/70
9:30 pm	Adjournment for the day	

Saturday September 5

7:00 am	Exhibits Open	Exhibit Hall
7:00 am	Agenda Committee	Boardroom 5
7:00 am	Worship Warmup and Sound check	Ballroom 1/70
7:00 am	Arrival Break	Exhibit Hall
7:30 am	Registration open for walk-ins	Foyer of Ballroom 1/70
7:45 am	Consecration Prayer	Ballroom 1/70 Platform
7:45 am	Doors open to Worship	Ballroom 1/70
8:15 am	Worship	Ballroom 1/70
	CRUCIFIED WITH CHRIST: WE DIE TO LIVE Simon Mafunda preaching Matthew 16:24-25; Galatians 2:19-21; Colossians 3:1-11	



8:55 am	Plenary Session	Ballroom 1/70
	▪ Election of General Conference Secretary and Assistant Secretary	
10:30 am	Break	Exhibit Hall
11:00 am	Plenary Session	Ballroom 1/70
	▪ Adopt Proposed Plan of Organization	
12:30 pm	Lunch provided on-site for those with the meal plan	
1:15 pm	Consecration Prayer	Boardroom 4
1:45 pm	Plenary Session	Ballroom 1/70
3:00 pm	Break for set up	
3:00 pm	Consecration Prayer	Ballroom 1/70 Platform
3:30 pm	Episcopal Consecration Service	Ballroom 1/70
	Bishop Jeff Greenway, preaching	
	1 Kings 3:1-14	
Final Adjournment		



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Let's Start A Conversation

We are excited to learn more about your ministry and explore ways our missions can align and collaborate.

We would be happy to meet with you during the conference, or feel free to contact us afterward.

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GC 2026 Mission Experience Tentative Schedule

EFFECTIVE JUNE 23, 2026 – SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Note: All shuttle pick-ups and drop-offs will take place at the SCC Entrance

Saturday August 29

7:30 am	Shuttle pick-up to Spirit and Truth training
9:00 am – 12:00 pm	Spirit & Truth Prayer and Evangelism Training Location: Uncle Tom's Community Center, Soweto
12:00 pm	Shuttle return from Spirit and Truth training
11:30 am	Shuttle pick-up to Health Checks
1:00- 4:00 pm	Health Checks Location: Global Methodist Church, Soweto
4:30 pm	Shuttle return from Health Checks

Sunday August 30

None today

Monday August 31

7:30 am	Shuttle pick-up to Clergy & Leadership Training
9:00 am – 1:00 pm	Clergy & Leadership Training Location: Global Methodist Church, Soweto
1:00 pm	Shuttle return from Clergy & Leadership Training
11:30 am	Shuttle pick-up to Health Checks
1:00 – 4:00 pm	Health Checks Location: Global Methodist Church, Soweto
4:30 pm	Shuttle return from Health Checks
11:30 am	Shuttle pick-up to Children's Bible Camp

1:00 – 5:00 pm	Children's Bible Camp Location: Global Methodist Church, Soweto
5:00 pm	Shuttle return from Children's Bible Camp
11:30 am	Shuttle pick-up to Christian Discipleship Discussions
1:00 – 5:00 pm	Christian Discipleship Discussions Location: Global Methodist Church, Soweto
5:00 pm	Shuttle return from Christian Discipleship Discussions

Tuesday September 1

7:30 am	Shuttle pick-up to Clergy & Leadership Training
9:00 am – 1:00 pm	Clergy & Leadership Training Location: Global Methodist Church, Soweto
1:00 pm	Shuttle return from Clergy & Leadership Training
11:30 am	Shuttle pick-up to Health Checks
1:00 – 4:00 pm	Health Checks Location: Global Methodist Church, Soweto
4:30 pm	Shuttle return from Health Checks
11:30 am	Shuttle pick-up to Children's Bible Camp
1:00 – 5:00 pm	Children's Bible Camp Location: Global Methodist Church, Soweto
5:00 pm	Shuttle return from Children's Bible Camp
11:30 am	Shuttle pick-up to Christian Discipleship Discussions
1:00 – 5:00 pm	Christian Discipleship Discussions Location: Global Methodist Church, Soweto
5:00 pm	Shuttle return from Christian Discipleship Discussions

Wednesday September 2

7:30 am	Shuttle pick-up to Clergy & Leadership Training
9:00 am – 1:00 pm	Clergy & Leadership Training Location: Global Methodist Church, Soweto
1:00 pm	Shuttle return from Clergy & Leadership Training
11:30 am	Shuttle pick-up to Children's Bible Camp

1:00- 3:00 pm	Children's Bible Camp Location: Global Methodist Church, Soweto
3:00 pm	Shuttle return from Children's Bible Camp
11:30 am	Shuttle pick-up to Christian Discipleship Discussions
1:00- 3:00 pm	Christian Discipleship Discussions Location: Global Methodist Church, Soweto
3:00 pm	Shuttle return from Christian Discipleship Discussions

Thursday September 3

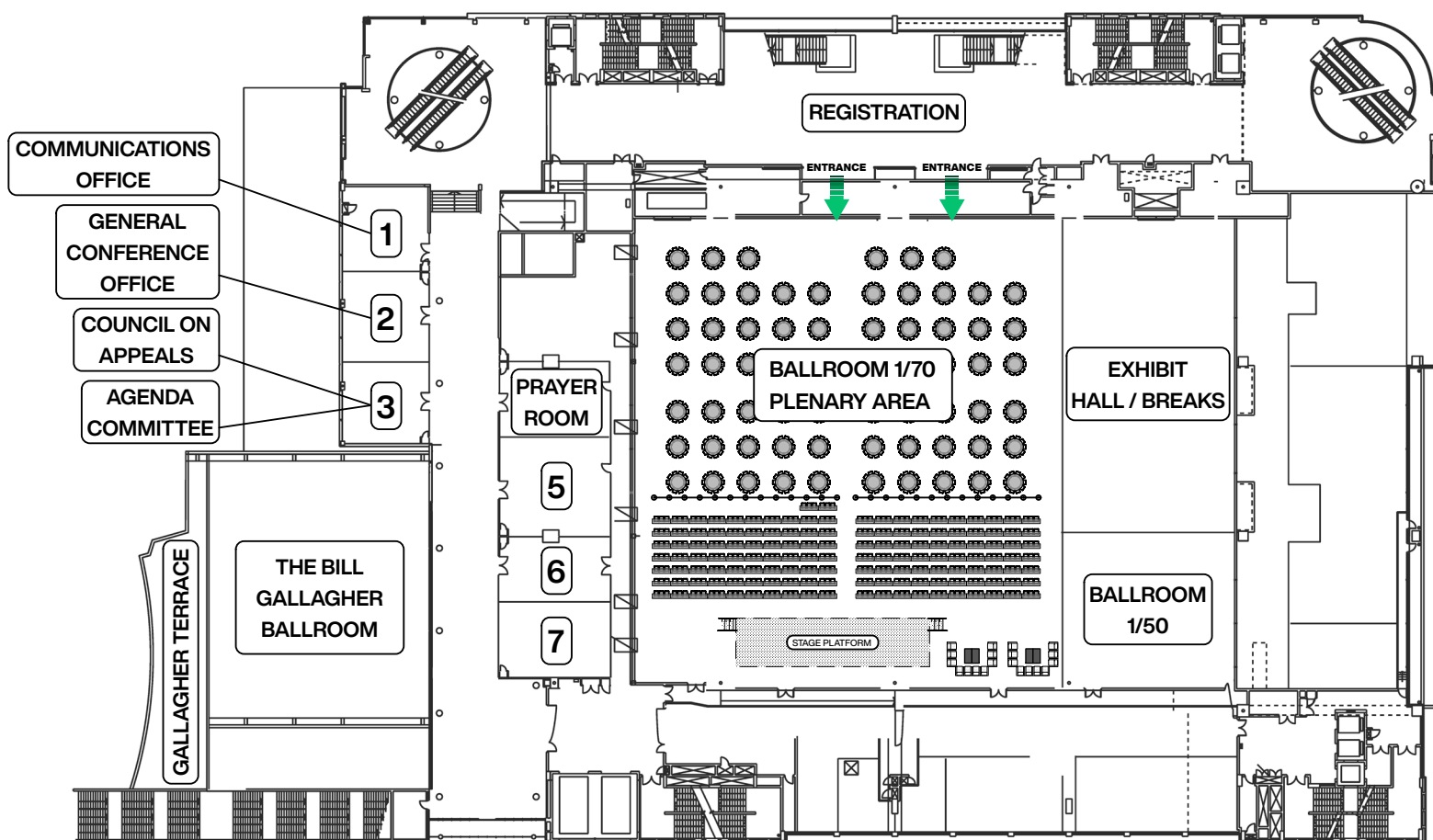
7:30 am	Shuttle pick-up to Clergy & Leadership Training
9:00 am – 1:00 pm	Clergy & Leadership Training Location: Global Methodist Church, Soweto
1:00 pm	Shuttle return from Clergy & Leadership Training
11:30 am	Shuttle pick-up to School Supply Distribution and Prayer Ministry
1:00 – 4:30 pm	School Supply Distribution and Prayer Ministry Location: The Saviour Place Glenesk Global Methodist Church
4:30 pm	Shuttle return from School Supply Distribution and Prayer Ministry
11:30 am	Shuttle pick-up to Children's Bible Camp
1:00 – 5:00 pm	Children's Bible Camp Location: Global Methodist Church, Soweto
5:00 pm	Shuttle return from Children's Bible Camp
11:30 am	Shuttle pick-up to Christian Discipleship Discussions
1:00 – 5:00 pm	Christian Discipleship Discussions Location: Global Methodist Church, Soweto
5:00 pm	Shuttle return from Christian Discipleship Discussions

Friday September 4

7:30 am	Shuttle pick-up to Clergy & Leadership Training
9:00 am – 1:00 pm	Clergy & Leadership Training Location: Global Methodist Church, Soweto
1:00 pm	Shuttle return from Clergy & Leadership Training
11:30 am	Shuttle pick-up to Children's Bible Camp
1:00- 5:00 pm	Children's Bible Camp Location: Global Methodist Church, Soweto
5:00 pm	Shuttle return from Children's Bible Camp
11:30 am	Shuttle pick-up to Christian Discipleship Discussions
1:00- 5:00 pm	Christian Discipleship Discussions Location: Global Methodist Church, Soweto
5:00 pm	Shuttle return from Christian Discipleship Discussions

Room Assignment Map

THE BALLROOM / BOARDROOMS



LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES

CONSTITUTION, CONNECTIONAL ORGANIZATION, AND FINANCE - BALLROOM 1/50

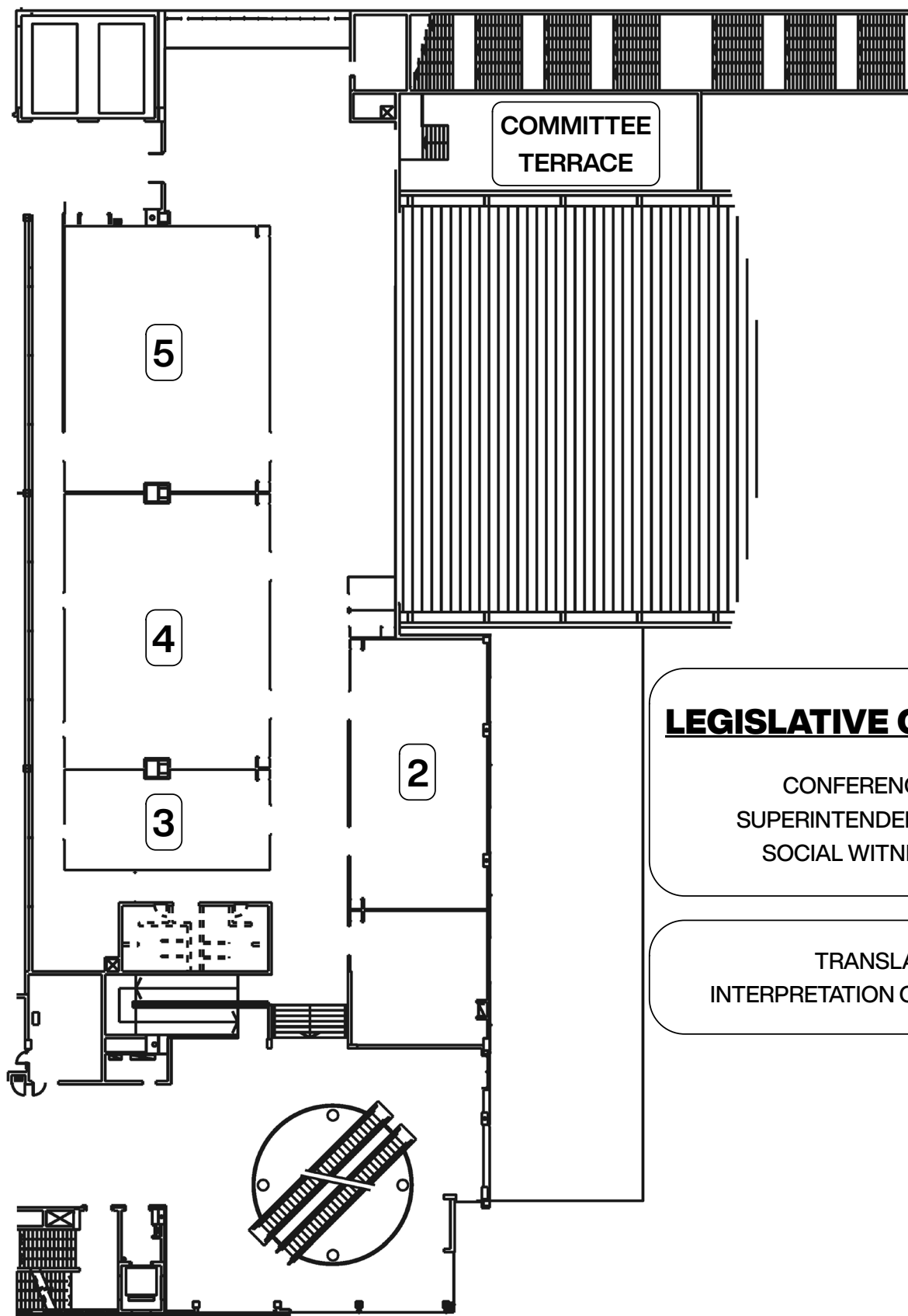
JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION - BOARDROOM 6/7

DOCTRINE AND SACRAMENTS - THE BILL GALLAGHER ROOM

LOCAL CHURCH - BALLROOM 1/70 - OBSERVER SEATING

MINISTRY - BALLROOM 1/70 - DELEGATE SEATING

COMMITTEE ROOMS



LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES

CONFERENCES- ROOM 2
SUPERINTENDENCY- ROOM 4
SOCIAL WITNESS- ROOM 5

TRANSLATION /
INTERPRETATION OFFICE- ROOM 3

"We have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us."

2 CORINTHIANS 4:7

GOD DOES WONDERS THROUGH ORDINARY THINGS: EVERYDAY PEOPLE, FAITHFUL CHURCHES, HOPEFUL GENEROSITY. WE TRUST THAT HIS POWER IS WHAT MAKES A DIFFERENCE THROUGH OUR HUMBLE EFFORTS. THE RESOURCES WE STEWARD ARE NOT THE TREASURE. THEY ARE THE VESSELS THAT CARRY POTENTIAL FOR LASTING GOOD.



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THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMUNITY: Plan of Organization and Covenant for Our Life Together

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Preface

Following the biblical admonition in Hebrews 12:15 and elsewhere, John Wesley early on encouraged his followers to “watch over one another in love,” first meeting with his brother Charles and a few other clergy in 1744 to consider “how we should proceed to save our own souls and those that heard us.” (Book of Doctrines and Discipline (BDD), ¶1701). As the spiritual heirs of that tradition, our goal is still to peacefully work together for the common good of all in fulfilling the mission of the church. As members of the church of Jesus Christ, we also aspire to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit in our conferencing (Acts 15:28) and conform to God’s will by experiencing God’s transforming grace (Romans 12:2). Within the community of the General Conference, thus, the following are established to spell out how we can best respond in obedience to God’s will and go about our mission, while still caring for all and making a bold witness for Christ to the world.

Plan of Organization

I. OPENING SESSION

The Global Methodist Church will hold its General Conference in the place and time recommended by the General Conference Commission and set by the Connectional Council, beginning with a time of worship. The Conference will then be called to order by a bishop designated by the Commission, with the following order of business:

- A. Recognition of delegations and delegates. The official roll call will be completed by the registration process.
- B. Establishment of the voting bar of the Conference.
- C. Report of the General Conference Commission.
- D. Adoption of the *Plan of Organization and Covenant* for our community life as a Conference by a two-thirds vote. Prior to adoption, the Plan and Covenant may be amended from the floor by a majority vote.
- E. Election of the General Conference Secretary upon nomination of the Connectional Council, if that Secretary was appointed by the Council ad interim (¶1704.2, Plan IV). Otherwise, the election of the Secretary who is to take office at the adjournment of the General Conference may happen at any session.

- F. Adoption of the agenda proposed by the Commission.
- G. Miscellaneous business.

II. PRESIDING OFFICERS

All plenary sessions of the General Conference will be guided by the active bishops and bishops emeritus of the Global Methodist Church, as assigned by the Agenda Committee (§1704.1). Legislative Committees will be convened by one of the bishops in order to elect a chair, vice-chair, and secretary, who will then preside over committee meetings (see below).

III. GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMISSION

The General Conference Commission will oversee the preparations and recommend the time and place for the conference. The Commission will also recommend to the Connectional Council the total number of delegates, as well as recommend the formula for the equitable allocation of delegates to the entire global church and coordinate logistical arrangements for the successful operation of the Conference. The Connectional Council may make changes to this *Plan of Organization* between General Conferences as needed to accommodate changing circumstances. Such changes must then be ratified by the General Conference at its opening session.

IV. THE GENERAL CONFERENCE SECRETARY

The General Conference will elect the General Conference Secretary upon nomination by the Connectional Council. The term of a new Secretary will begin upon the adjournment of the General Conference, with the previous Secretary serving during a transition period to help wrap up the business of the just-concluded General Conference, as determined by the Connectional Council. The Secretary will be accountable to the General Conference Commission, working closely with the presiding bishops and the Connectional Council. The Secretary, assisted by volunteer or paid staff, will be responsible for implementing the daily agenda and for coordinating the work of the legislative committees in dealing with petitions and resolutions. Working with the General Conference Commission, the Secretary will initiate procedures to prepare all delegates for full participation in the General Conference by providing information concerning both the operation of the General Conference and materials it will consider. In addition, the Secretary will oversee the work of the administrative committees of the General Conference, serving as an *ex officio* member as indicated below. This position may be a paid staff position. If the position of Secretary becomes vacant in between General Conference sessions, the Connectional Council will elect a successor to serve until the next General Conference, which will elect that Secretary during its opening session.

V. TIMELINES

In light of the change adopted to on-site legislative committee meetings at the General Conference, the timeline is completely different from what was envisioned in Costa Rica. Delegates will be allocated based upon the number of churches and FTE pastors on January 1, 2026. Delegates must be elected and certified by April 1, 2026. Petitions will be received beginning on January 5, 2026. The deadline for submitting petitions is May 1, 2026.

VI. EMERGING AREA REPRESENTATIVES

The Conferences Commission will designate Emerging Areas that are well organized, but not yet ready to be convened as an annual conference. An Emerging Area must have a TCAT or other leadership structure and sufficient churches and clergy to be a viable annual conference. Each Emerging Area may elect one clergy and one lay representative to the General Conference by the deadline for delegates to be certified. Such representatives will have the following privileges:

- A. To attend the plenary sessions of the General Conference as an observer, not seated within the bar of the conference, without voice or vote.
- B. To attend and participate in a legislative committee of their choice, with voice but without vote. Such participation will not be counted against the maximum of delegates permitted for a legislative committee.
- C. To have all travel, food, and lodging expenses paid by the General Conference budget.

VII. COMMITTEES OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

A. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES

1. An **Agenda Committee** will be composed of eight delegates, half clergy and half lay from across the global church, as well as the chairs of each legislative committee and the General Conference Secretary who will be an ex officio member. The Committee will prepare the daily order of the plenary sessions, including the consideration of those petitions identified by each legislative committee as having the highest priority for conference action. They will also select the presiding officer for each plenary session. The agenda will be set in such a way as to rotate through each committee one such priority item at a time, with the allowance that related petitions within one area may be considered at the same time. The Committee will announce at the close of each plenary session a tentative agenda for the subsequent session.
2. A **Credentials Committee** will be composed of eight delegates, half clergy and half lay from across the global church who will consult with the General Conference Secretary and decide on all matters dealing with the approval of credentials and the seating of delegates.
3. A **Reference Committee** will be composed of eight delegates, half clergy and half lay from across the global church, who will refer all petitions and resolutions received to the appropriate legislative committees and will confirm the petition secretary's ruling on the validity of each petition or resolution.
4. A **Journal Committee** will be composed of three delegates, plus the General Conference Secretary, who will approve the daily minutes, as well as reconcile all petitions which are passed by the Conference with other provisions within the BDD after the General Conference.
5. A **Nominations Committee** will be composed of eight delegates, half clergy and half lay from across the global church, who will nominate a slate of persons to serve as members of the various general church commissions and councils.

B. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

1. Membership on Administrative Committees is limited to people who served as delegates at the 2024 General Conference (§1812.2g) and are delegates to the 2026 General Conference.
2. In addition to the eight members with voice and vote (Section V.A), the following committees will also have one clergy and one lay member with voice, but without vote, from annual conferences not present at the 2024 General Conference: Credentials, Reference, Journal (in addition to three members), and Nominations.
3. Members of Administrative Committees will be nominated by each delegation at least 209 days prior to the conference. The General Conference Commission will nominate a slate for each committee out of the pool of nominees submitted by the delegations (§1812.2g), taking care to ensure representation across the geographical areas of the church. Membership of Administrative Committees should be elected by the Connectional Council no later than 180 days prior to the General Conference. Membership on an Administrative Committee does not prevent the person from serving on a Legislative Committee.

C. LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES

There will be eight legislative committees to process the petitions in the first step of the process. In light of the number and complexity of petitions submitted, the Connectional Council, on recommendation of the

Commission, may combine two legislative committees or split one into two. The General Conference Commission should determine the minimum and maximum size of the legislative committees based on the number of delegates set for each General Conference. The Petitions Secretary appointed by the Connectional Council will publicly report the disposition of each submitted petition, along with the rationale for its disposition (accepted, not accepted, referred). In addition to the agenda listed under each legislative committee, the General Conference agenda will include the ability of any legislative committee to recommend forming working groups or task forces to develop proposals for a future General Conference.

Legislative Committees will consist of the following:

1. **Doctrine and Sacraments**

Doctrinal Statements; All 100's paragraphs; ¶¶412-421

2. **Social Witness**

Social Witness Statements and Resolutions; all 300's paragraphs (*With the understanding that all such statements require a 75 percent affirmative vote of the plenary session per BDD ¶208.13-14*)

3. **Local Church** | ¶¶401-411, 422-448, 450-456

4. **Ministry** | All 500's paragraphs

5. **Superintendency** | All 600's paragraphs

6. **Conferences**

All 700's paragraphs; Annual and Regional Conference Boundaries

7. **Constitution, Connectional Organization, and Finance**

¶1449, All 200's, 800's, and 1000's paragraphs

8. **Judicial Administration**

All 900's paragraphs and the Judicial Processes and Procedures

D. **MEMBERSHIP ON LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES**

Within each annual conference delegation, each delegate should indicate their first, second, and third preferences for which legislative committee on which to serve. Such preferences should be submitted to the General Conference Secretary no later than 120 days prior to the General Conference. Membership of each legislative committee will be determined by the General Conference Commission, based on the preferences of the delegates, the minimum and maximum number of committee members, and the need for gender, ethnic, racial, and geographical diversity. No legislative committee should have more than 55 percent laity or 55 percent clergy. Committee assignments should be completed no later than 90 days prior to the General Conference.

E. **PROCEDURES FOR LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES**

1. **Pre-Conference Meetings** — Legislative committees will meet virtually during the period from 75 to 60 days prior to the General Conference to elect officers and receive parliamentary training. Following their election, officers will receive training in a virtual meeting and may begin to organize and plan the work of their legislative committee.
2. **Committee Officers** — The initial meeting will be presided over by an active or emeritus bishop. Subsequent meetings will be presided over by the elected committee officers. Each committee will elect from within its membership a chair, vice-chair, and secretary, as well as any subcommittee officers if such are needed. Election is by simple majority, and it is hoped that leadership will be reflective of the global and diverse nature of the church. The General Conference Commission will provide training to the legislative committee officers once they are elected and prior to the committees beginning their regular meetings.
3. **Parliamentarians** — To the extent possible, each legislative committee will have a volunteer parliamentarian who will not be a General Conference delegate. The parliamentarians will attend all committee meetings, including virtual meetings in advance of the convening of the General Conference, and advise the committee on the implementation of the Covenant for Our Life Together and parliamentary procedure. Additionally, this person may train the committee members on basic committee procedures.
4. **Initial Meeting Introductions** — Each member of the legislative committee must submit his/her written 100-word biographical statement to the General Conference Secretary's office at the same time they submit their committee preferences (120 days prior to the General Conference). This written introduction should include a picture, a brief summary of their history with the church, and areas of interest, experience, and expertise. The introduction should also indicate the person's interest in standing for election as a legislative committee officer. The Secretary's office will then secure translation and send the written introductions of all the members to the committee prior to its initial meeting. At the start of the initial meeting of the committee, each committee member will introduce themselves by giving their name, place of residence, lay or clergy status, and annual conference or district.

5. **Quorum** — A quorum is required for any legislative committee discussion or action on any item of business. One-half (1/2) of the membership of the committee constitutes a quorum in order to conduct business. A calling of the committee roll will occur before each committee may begin their business. A record of those present and absent is announced for the committee record at the start of each meeting by the chairperson or his/her designee. Proxy voting is not allowed.
6. **Setting Meeting Days** — The date and time of the initial virtual meeting of each legislative committee will be established by the General Conference Commission based on polling of members' availability. If necessary, the General Conference Commission will provide for delegates and alternates to convene in central locations with reliable internet and necessary technology (including devices) for delegates who lack that. Notification of meeting times and dates will be conducted via electronic means. If a delegate is unable to attend a legislative committee meeting, the head of the delegation should ensure that an alternate delegate attends in their place.
7. **Agenda** — The virtual meeting notification will include a written agenda together with any materials prepared by the staff or others relating to that agenda. After the agenda for a committee meeting is published and distributed, no non-germane items (as determined by the chair) may be brought up during that meeting unless at least two-thirds of the members present agree to consider those items.
8. **Informal Discussion** — If there is no objection, or else by majority vote of the committee or sub-committee, the chair may temporarily set aside *Robert's Rules of Order* to allow for extended discussion on a topic leading to action on a petition. The chair should ensure that all voices may be heard and that no one voice dominates the discussion. When the committee appears ready to act, the chair should reinstitute *Robert's Rules* for the purpose of formally considering action on the petition.
9. **Bringing a Matter to a Vote** — If the chair determines that a motion, petition, or amendment has been adequately debated, he/she may call for a vote on such petition, motion or amendment, and the vote will then be taken, unless the committee votes to continue debate. The vote on a motion to continue debate on any petition, motion, or amendment will be taken without debate. This motion to continue debate must occur prior to the vote on such petition, motion, or amendment, if presented in a timely manner. A majority affirmative vote is required to continue debate. Members on their own initiative may by a two-thirds vote end debate and proceed to act on a motion, petition, or amendment (call the question).
10. **Public Announcement of Votes** — The results and vote totals of votes taken by the committee on any non-procedural measure, petition, or motion (or amendment thereto) must be announced publicly at the time of the vote and reported to the General Conference Secretary for presentation to the plenary body.
11. **Open Committee Meetings** — The virtual meetings of the legislative committees will be recorded and the recordings posted on the General Conference website.
12. **Minutes of Committee Meetings**
 - a. An accurate record must be kept of the committee's actions, in the form of minutes. These minutes, and where applicable, a minority report, should be submitted to the General

Conference Secretary by 6 PM on the day the actions are taken, in order to be published in the following day's Daily Journal. In addition to written minutes, the committee must make available copies of any written materials offered during debate in the committee. The committee's written documents will remain available on the denominational website, and electronic versions of any documents, petitions, or motions made or used throughout the General Conference will remain on the denominational website as archived for historical value and their legislative history value.

- b. All versions will remain in the archives of the denominational website to preserve their historical and legislative historical value.

VIII. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

The General Conference will elect members to serve on the following committees and commissions individually by majority vote, upon nomination by the Nominations Committee. Membership on a commission or council is not limited to General Conference delegates.

- A. **Nomination Process (§1803.2).** Annual Conferences and/or delegations will be encouraged to submit nominations (with their permission) to the Committee at least 180 days prior to the General Conference. Each annual conference will submit up to 20 nominees who are GMC clergy or lay members in good standing within that annual conference, with at least half being lay. Each nominee should be designated for one or two of the connectional commissions, councils, or committees. Each nominee may submit a brief biography of up to 100 words, which will be printed along with the nominee's name in any published slate of nominees.
- B. **Representation.** The Nominations Committee will take care to consider geographical, racial/ethnic, gender, and age diversity in the makeup of the committees and councils, while also prioritizing members' gifts and experience. In casting their ballots, General Conference delegates should be mindful of these same values.
- C. **Nominations Committee Process.** The Nominations Committee will publish a slate of nominees for each commission or council at least 120 days prior to the General Conference on the GC website.
- D. **Additional Nominees.** Once the Nominations Committee slate is published, delegations may re-nominate additional persons within 21 days to the General Conference Secretary. The full slate of Nominations Committee nominees and all other nominees from the lists submitted by annual conferences will be published in the Pre-Conference Workbook. Those nominated by the Nominations Committee will be indicated by an asterisk.
- E. **Additional Members.** As provided by the *Book of Doctrines and Discipline*, additional members may be added to the councils or commissions in order to ensure both diversity and expertise if needed.
- F. **Councils and Commissions to Be Elected.**
 - 1. Connectional Council (§1807.2)
 - 2. Evangelism, Missions, and Church Planting Commission (§1808.1)
 - 3. Discipleship, Doctrine, and Just Ministry Commission (§1809.1)
 - 4. Ministry and Higher Education Commission (§1810.1)
 - 5. Finance, Administration, Pensions, and Benefits Commission (§1811.1)

6. General Conference Commission (§1812.1)
7. Ecumenical Relationships Commission (§1813.1)
8. Conferences Commission (§1814.2)
9. Global Episcopacy Committee (§1605.1)
10. Connectional Council on Appeals (and alternates) (§1920)

IX. DELEGATE EXPENSES

Full travel, lodging, and per diem expenses of US delegates are encouraged to be covered by their annual conferences (through connectional funding, special fundraising, or other creative means). The expenses of delegates from outside of the United States may be covered through the general church or by partnership arrangements with other conferences. Air travel may be arranged through the travel agency designated by the General Conference Commission to allow for the most economical round-trip coach airfare directly to and from the site of the General Conference for those delegates whose expenses are being paid by the general church. Additional expenses may be allowed for delegates from conferences outside of the country where the General Conference meets for arrival and departure not to exceed three days before or after the General Conference is scheduled to meet.

Delegates may pay their own expenses for food and lodging to extend their stay before or after the conference. When more than one delegate travels to the site of the General Conference in the same automobile, the owner will be reimbursed for the actual cost of travel, including parking, tolls, and mileage according to a standard amount announced by the General Conference Commission.

X. DELEGATION ORGANIZATION

- A. Each delegation will identify its own delegation head by the means determined by the delegation or by its annual conference.
- B. The delegation head's responsibilities will include, but not be limited to, the following:
 1. Organize and orient the delegation, including alternate delegates, to their responsibilities leading up to and during the General Conference.
 2. Serve as the primary contact person between the general church and the delegates, including facilitating two-way communication.
 3. Review with delegates the *Plan of Organization and Covenant for Ordering Our Life Together* of the General Conference.
 4. Create a process to review and discuss legislative proposals coming before the General Conference.
 5. Submit as requested delegate preferences for serving on legislative committees.
 6. Facilitate the process for the delegation and the annual conference to submit nominations for general church councils and commissions.
 7. Authorize the substitution of alternate delegates in legislative and plenary sessions when appropriate, using the processes developed by the Credentialing team.



XI. MARSHALS, PAGES, AND PARLIAMENTARIANS

- A. The General Conference Commission or its designee will be responsible for recruiting and overseeing marshals, pages, and parliamentarians to serve at the conference site. Marshals and pages will serve as volunteers without compensation.
- B. Marshals are responsible to provide order and security by ensuring that only authorized persons are present within the bar of the plenary or committee sessions of the conference. They may also assist in providing directions and otherwise safeguarding the orderly function of the conference.
- C. Pages are to be available to serve the delegates by distributing materials, serving as vote tellers (if needed), carrying communications, and running brief errands.
- D. Parliamentarians will be provided for both the plenary and legislative committee sessions. Such parliamentarians will not be General Conference delegates and will be volunteers. The budget for the General Conference will include providing for the expenses of the parliamentarians to attend and participate.

Covenant for Ordering Our Life Together

I. DAILY SCHEDULE

The Agenda Committee will set the daily schedule and agenda., The Committee will not schedule a plenary session before 8:00 AM and will seek to minimize the number of plenary sessions after 6:00 PM.

II. RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF DELEGATES

Delegates and alternates will be seated in order of their election, except in the case of special need as determined by the delegation chair in consultation with the affected delegates. Alternates will occupy the seat of the delegate for whom the substitution is made. Alternates will not be seated for delegates presenting on the platform.

Alternates chosen to be seated will be of the same order (lay or clergy) as the absent delegate.

III. PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES

- A. **Purpose.** The purpose of this Covenant and *Robert's Rules of Order* is to provide a fair and orderly way for the General Conference to make decisions under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Accordingly, neither this Covenant nor *Robert's Rules* should be used to block the body's ability to make decisions, to silence a minority perspective, or to disadvantage any person or group. Presiding officers should work toward consensus and seek to provide fair opportunities for all views to be heard. They should assist members of the body in understanding and applying the processes outlined in this Covenant for communal decision making and using them in that spirit.
- B. **Consensus.** Wherever possible, the Conference will strive for consensus decisions that embody the unity of the whole Church. Beyond such, as per ¶1705.1, the General Conference will operate under *Robert's Rules of Order* and such supplemental rules as adopted by the Conference.
- C. **Quorum.** The convening of the General Conference requires the presence of a majority of the whole number of delegates to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but a smaller



number may take a recess or adjourn from day to day in order to secure a quorum, and at the final session may approve the journal, order the record of the roll call, and adjourn sine die (§1705.2).

- D. **Consent Agenda.** Petitions receiving the vote of 90 percent or more of a legislative committee may be placed upon a consent agenda for approval, disapproval, or referral at the beginning of each day, provided that an item may be removed from the consent agenda upon the motion of ten delegates.
- E. **Agenda.** The Agenda Committee will recommend an agenda at the beginning of each day's business, which would then be adopted by majority vote of the body, with or without amendment. The General Conference Secretary will maintain and guide the agenda, which includes the orders of the day and the reports of committees. Business placed on the agenda will be considered in the order of the adopted agenda unless, by a two-thirds vote of the Conference, an item is taken up out of order.
- F. **Presenters.** Proposals supported by the vote of the legislative committee will be presented to the plenary body by the chair of the committee or his or her designee. If there is a minority report from the committee, that will be presented after the committee's report is presented but prior to action on the committee's motion (see Covenant III.14).
- G. **Speaking.** Delegates wishing to speak must first be recognized by the presiding officer and unless raising a point of order or parliamentary inquiry, delegates may not speak unless given the floor. Delegates so recognized must begin by sharing their name, conference membership, and the reason for speaking, before beginning their speech. Delegates recognized by the presiding officer may not yield the floor to others to speak.
 - 1. The presiding officer should operate in a transparent way, taking care to consider the various sections of the meeting room, as well as the breadth of the global church, in calling upon speakers.
 - 2. Unless debate is extended by vote of the delegates, discussion on motions will be limited to three speeches for and three against the proposal, with each speech no longer than three minutes.
 - 3. No delegate may speak more than once on the same subject under the same motion unless responding to a question or misrepresentation. However, the chair or delegate presenting the petition or minority report is entitled to make closing remarks before the vote is taken for up to three minutes.
 - 4. The number limit and length of speeches may be modified by the body by majority vote at any time and for any duration.
- H. **Ending Debate.** The motion to call the previous question is not debatable but it is likewise not in order without an opportunity having been given for at least two speeches for and two against a proposal. The motion requires a two-thirds vote of those present and voting for its adoption.
- I. **Point of Order.** A delegate wishing to raise a point of order may do so when recognized by the presiding officer and must first cite the rule involved and then state the point as briefly and concisely as possible. A point of order is decided by the presiding officer without debate unless submitted to the body for advice or decision. The ruling by the presiding officer may be appealed to the body, in which case only the presiding officer and the appellant may speak to the appeal before the vote is taken, with each speech no longer than three minutes.

- J. **Motions.** The right to make or second motions is restricted to voting delegates. Motions coming from a committee or commission do not require a second. All motions and amendments should be presented in writing to the secretary to ensure accurate wording.
- K. **Elections.** A valid election occurs when the number of valid ballots cast for a nominee meets or exceeds the required percentage of the total valid votes cast. To be valid, ballots must contain votes for the same number of nominees as there are vacancies to fill, and no more than one vote may be cast for the same nominee, nor for individuals who have already been elected.
- L. **Voting.** Voting may be done by electronic ballot or show of hands.
1. Delegates must be within the bar of the Conference in order to vote, and proxy voting for others is not allowed.
 2. If circumstances require that a vote be taken by show of hands, before or immediately after such a vote is taken, any delegate has the right to call for a count vote on any question. If electronic balloting is not available, a count vote would consist of a standing vote, with the pages acting as tellers. If electronic balloting is not available, a call for a secret ballot vote using paper ballots must be approved by majority vote, with the pages acting as tellers of the secret ballot vote.
 3. A simple majority of those delegates who are present and voting suffices to pass all motions with the following exceptions:
 - a. A non-delegate may be invited to address a legislative committee by invitation of the chair or a one-third vote.
 - b. A tie vote sustains the presiding officer.
 - c. A two-thirds vote is required:
 - i. To adopt, suspend, or amend the rules after initial adoption.
 - ii. To adopt or amend the Constitution.
 - iii. To set aside a special order of the day.
 - iv. To sustain a call for the previous question.
 - v. To consider business out of the order of the adopted agenda.
 - vi. To hold a session outside the hours specified in this Covenant.
- M. **Non-debatable Motions.** The following motions will be acted upon without debate:
1. To adjourn, when unqualified, except for final adjournment
 2. To suspend the rules.
 3. To lay or remove a motion from the table.
 4. To call for the previous question when in order.
 5. To reconsider a non-debatable motion.
 6. To limit or extend the limits of a debate.
 7. To pause for prayerful discernment.

N. Substitutions and Minority Reports.

1. Resolutions or petitions may be amended by substitution provided that the substitute is germane to the topic and an alternative to what is before the body and not simply a negation of the main motion. Substitute motions coming from a legislative committee minority would be in the form of a minority report, which is presented at the same time as the majority action of the legislative committee.
 2. The main motion or majority action of the legislative committee is presented first, followed by the presentation of the substitute. The main motion is perfected first by entertaining any proposed amendments. Then the substitute is perfected by entertaining any proposed amendments. Finally, the question is whether to adopt the substitute in place of the main motion.
 3. If the motion to substitute prevails by majority vote, the substitute motion becomes the main motion. If the motion to substitute fails to receive a majority vote, the original main motion remains pending until acted upon.
 4. Motions for the previous question are not in order on a motion to substitute until opportunity has been given for at least two speakers on each side of the question.
 5. Delegates wishing to officer a minority report must notify the chair of the legislative committee in writing within one hour (excluding breaks) of final committee action on the relevant petition. The notification of a minority report must be signed by five persons or ten percent of the legislative committee membership (whichever is less) who voted against the proposal, whose names and email addresses must be attached to the written request.
 6. Following notification (III.N.5), the delegates must submit the actual proposed wording of the minority report accompanied by a rationale of up to 100 words. The minority report must be submitted by the printing deadline of the day following notification, unless that day is the last day of the General Conference. If the following day is the last day of the General Conference, the minority report must be submitted as soon as possible, but no later than 10 PM on the day of notification, with the expectation that the report will be printed and distributed separately from the Daily Conference Journal, if necessary.
- O. **Reconsideration.** A motion to reconsider an action of the body is in order at any time if offered by a delegate who voted with the prevailing side. If the motion proposed for reconsideration was non-debatable, the motion to reconsider is likewise non-debatable.
- P. **Adjournment.** A motion to adjourn is in order when made by a duly recognized delegate and is not debatable. It is not in order when another delegate has the floor, when a question is pending or a vote is being conducted, when the previous question has been ordered and action is pending, when a motion to adjourn has been defeated and no business or debate has intervened, or when the motion to fix the time for the Conference to adjourn is pending.
- Q. **Unfinished Business.** All valid petitions submitted to the General Conference must be acted upon by a legislative committee (approve, disapprove, or refer). All petitions approved by a legislative committee must be acted upon by the plenary session (approve, disapprove, refer).

IV. DECORUM AT THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

- A. Delegates and guests of the General Conference are expected to conduct themselves at all times in accordance with the biblical virtues of kindness, compassion, charitable conversation, and respect for all individuals as those who bear the image of God. Non-delegates are not allowed within the bar of the General Conference except by the approval of the voting delegates. Delegates are also expected not to distract others with cell phone usage during proceedings of the body or committee. Likewise, the use of social media to denigrate others is neither in keeping with the spirit of Christ or the spirit of the General Conference.
- B. Demonstrations designed to disrupt or delay the work of the Conference will not be allowed within the spaces where plenary sessions or committee meetings are being held, including virtual electronic meetings. The presiding officer of the affected meeting may use his or her discretion to have any who violate the decorum of the Conference, including those within the gallery, immediately removed from the assembly room or virtual meeting. Such removal covers only the current session unless there are repeated violations. The presiding officer's decision to expel a person may be overturned by a majority vote of the body. Marshalls may be asked to assist in the removal of such violator(s).
- C. Should there be undue tensions or anxieties affecting the work of the delegates, the presiding officer may also pause the proceedings of the Conference at any moment in order to have a time of prayer. For security reasons, sessions of the General Conference may be closed to non-delegates upon a two-thirds vote of the body. In such cases, the sessions should continue to be live-streamed, unless security reasons warrant otherwise.
- D. Distribution of materials that are relevant to the issues under consideration may be made outside of the bar of the Conference or a legislative committee provided that such distribution is done in a way that is respectful and non-invasive of the delegates' personal space or privacy. Distributors are responsible for the disposal of any unused or unclaimed materials.
- E. Distribution of non-legislative materials to the delegates within the bar will be allowed only upon the permission of the Agenda Committee. Distribution within the bar of legislative materials will be allowed only upon approval of a two-thirds vote of the delegates.

V. AMENDING THE PLAN AND COVENANT

Adoption of the *Plan of Organization and the Covenant for Ordering Our Life Together* at the beginning of the conference is by two-thirds vote, but amendments at that time only require a majority vote for approval.

Subsequent to the initial adoption, the *Plan and Covenant* may be amended, changed, or suspended by a two-thirds vote of the General Conference. In any parliamentary situation not covered under this *Plan and Covenant*, the General Conference will be governed in its action by the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order*.



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2026 Legislative Process

Petitions are submitted by church bodies, annual conferences, churches, or individual members.



Petitions Secretary and Petitions Committee determines if the petition is validly submitted. Petitions are assigned to the appropriate legislative committee.



Valid petitions are published digitally online in all the official languages of the Church in the Pre-Conference Workbook. Petitions not accepted are named but not published.



Legislative Committees meet and act on petitions. They may affirm the petition (with or without amendments), reject the petition, or refer it to another body. All petitions must receive a vote.



Results of Legislative Committee meetings are compiled and printed in the Daily Journal for each plenary session of the General Conference.



Petitions receiving a vote of 90 percent or more to either affirm or reject are placed on a Consent Agenda. All petitions in the Consent Agenda are enacted with one vote by the plenary session.



Plenary session (the whole assembly) acts upon the petitions. They may affirm the petition (with or without amendments), reject the petition, or refer it to another body. All petitions affirmed by a Legislative Committee must receive a vote. They are incorporated in an updated *Book of Doctrines and Discipline*.

Parliamentary Procedure Chart

TO DO THIS:	YOU SAY THIS:	NEED SECOND?	DEBATABLE?	AMENDABLE?	VOTE
Introduce New Business	"I move that ... [OR] I move to..."	Yes	Yes	Yes	Maj
Add or Delete Words	"I move to amend the motion by ..."	Yes	Yes	Yes	Maj
Request for Information	[without gaining recognition from chair] "I rise to a point of information" (must be in form of a question)	No	No	No	None
Parliamentary Inquiry [ask advice]	[without gaining recognition from chair] "I rise to a parliamentary inquiry"	No	No	No	None
Correct an error in parliamentary procedure [Point of Order]	[without gaining recognition from chair] "I rise to a point of order", [OR], "Point of Order" Must cite the rule involved	No	No	No	Chair rules
Question the ruling of the chair [Further rules apply]	[without gaining recognition from chair] "I appeal from the decision of the chair" Both make their case and the body votes	Yes	Yes	No	Maj
End debate, call for a vote	"I move the previous question"	Yes	No	No	2/3
End debate, end further amendments	"I move the previous question on all that is before us"	Yes	No	No	2/3
Limit or extend the limits of debate	"I move the debate be limited to (or extended to) ..."	Yes	No	Yes	2/3 (Maj)
Postpone indefinitely (kills the motion)	"I move to postpone the motion indefinitely"	Yes	Yes	No	Maj
Postpone debate to a specific time	"I move to postpone this matter until ..." (specify a time or a condition)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Maj

TO DO THIS:	YOU SAY THIS:	NEED SECOND?	DEBATABLE?	AMENDABLE?	VOTE
Suspend further consideration	"I move we table the motion"	Yes	No	No	Maj
Take up a matter previously tabled	"I move that we take from the table the motion ..."	Yes	No	No	Maj
Have the matter studied further (Commit or Refer to a Committee)	"I move that this matter be referred to ..." (must specify what body it is being referred)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Maj
Reconsider a previous action	"I move to reconsider the vote on the motion to ..." (must be made by a person voting on the prevailing side)	Yes	Yes	No (see RONR)	Maj
Suspend the rules temporarily	"I move that the rules be suspended which interfere with ..."	Yes	No	No	2/3
Call for a break	"I move we recess until (or for X minutes) ..."	Yes	No	Yes	Maj
Adjourn the meeting	"I move to adjourn"	Yes	No	No	Maj

Episcopal Areas 2026–2032



Episcopal Area 1

- Tanzania
- Covenant Philippines
- India
- Mega Manila Philippines
- Panama
- Mississippi-Western Tennessee
- Trinity



Episcopal Area 2

- Bulgaria
- Mexico
- MidTexas
- Northeast
- Afrika Mashariki
- Korean-American



Episcopal Area 3

- Central Nigeria
- South Carolina
- Peru
- Upper Midwest
- Florida
- South Africa



Episcopal Area 4

- North Alabama
- Thailand
- MidSouth
- West Plains
- Western States
- Northeast Nigeria



Episcopal Area 5

- Ethiopia Nazrawiyan
- Great Lakes
- Virginia
- Southern Nigeria
- Oasis
- Grain Coast



Episcopal Area 6

- Central African Republic
- Central Russia
- East Russia-Central Asia
- Northwest Russia-Belarus
- South Russia
- Democratic Republic of Congo



Episcopal Area 7

- Venezuela
- South Georgia
- North Georgia
- Central Europe
- Zambia
- Northern Nigeria
- Alabama Emerald Coast



Episcopal Area 8

- Allegheny West
- North Carolina
- Uganda
- Kenya
- Malawi
- Zimbabwe
- Heartland



Episcopal Nominees

As of May 15, 2026, 24 individuals have accepted nomination, including five current active bishops and 19 additional nominees brought forward by Annual Conference delegations. Global Methodist Church bishops are traveling, apostolic leaders set apart for a ministry of visionary servant leadership, general oversight, and supervision in support of the church's mission. They lead the temporal and spiritual life of the church, defend the faith, and deploy the clergy. According to the Book of Doctrines and Discipline, "Nominees for the episcopacy should have a strong record of effectiveness in leading the church in evangelism, discipleship, and mission."

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Current Active Bishops

Bishop Leah Gregory	MidTexas
Bishop Eduard Khegay	Central Russia
Bishop Carolyn Moore	North Georgia
Bishop Auta John Pena	Central Nigeria
Bishop Mark J. Webb	

Additional Nominees

Andy Postell	North Georgia	Nominated by: Northern Nigeria
Brian Ebel	MidSouth	Nominated by: MidSouth
Baziel Y. Yoila	Southern Nigeria	Nominated by: North-East Nigeria
Danjuma Juji	North-East Nigeria	Nominated by: North-East Nigeria
Forbes Matonga	Zimbabwe	Nominated by: Zimbabwe, Malawi, Upper Midwest
Gabriella Kopas	Central Europe	Nominated by: Central Europe, MidSouth, Heartland, Western States, and Great Lakes
Heather L. Sims	Trinity	Nominated by: Trinity, Northeast
Isaac Salgado	South Georgia	Nominated by: South Georgia
Jerry Kulah	Grain Coast	Nominated by: Grain Coast, Tanzania, Central Nigeria, and Kenya

Jonathan Lee	Korean-American	Nominated by: Korean-American
Jordan McFall	Heartland	Nominated by: Heartland, Zimbabwe
Lathem Postell	North Georgia	Nominated by: North Georgia
Leo Tae Youl Park	Northeast	Nominated by: Northeast
Luther Oconer	Mega Manila	Nominated by: Trinity, Allegheny West, Mega Manila Philippines, North Georgia, Mississippi-West Tennessee, MidTexas, Covenant Philippines, Democratic Republic of Congo
Lyndol Loyd	West Plains	Nominated by: West Plains
Paul Lawler	North-East Nigeria	Nominated by: North-East Nigeria
Peter J. Bellini (Pete)	Allegheny West	Nominated by: West Plains
Scott Pattison	Great Lakes	Nominated by: Great Lakes, Central Europe
Tom Mabry	North Carolina	Nominated by: North Carolina



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Nominations for General Church Commissions, Councils, and Committees

Introduction

The Nominations Committee consists of General Conference delegates nominated by their annual conference delegation and elected to that committee by the Connectional Council. The Council also added an eight-person advisory team to work with the Nominations Committee with voice, but without vote. The Committee in turn chose a slate of recommended nominees for all the commissions and councils of the general church, except the Connectional Council chose the recommended nominees for the Global Episcopacy Committee. These nominees were chosen from over 600 names submitted by the annual conferences. The nominee biographies were consulted in the selection process.

The slate is recommended for the guidance of the delegates, but the voting process at the General Conference will determine who serves on the various commissions and councils. Some have asked questions about the slate that are answered below.

Answers to Questions

The annual conferences that did not submit nominees for the commissions and councils were: Ethiopia Nazrawiyan, Korean-American, Oasis, Peru, Thailand, Uganda, and Venezuela. In some cases, that was because their convening conference took place after the deadline to submit names for consideration.

Several conferences submitted nominees, but none were chosen for the slate. These were: Central Nigeria, Florida, Mexico, and Virginia. Some of these submitted only a few nominees or for only a few of the commissions.

Based on their percentage of the overall delegation, several conferences were clearly underrepresented. These include: North Alabama, North Carolina, and South Georgia. Several other conferences were clearly overrepresented. These include: Central Russia, Covenant Philippines, and Grain Coast.

After the recommended slate was published, annual conferences could re-submit the names of prior nominees. These are included in the list below. Delegates can vote for anyone on the list for a given commission, whether they are on the slate or not. In the end, it will be the General Conference delegates who determine who will serve on the commissions and councils through the election process in Johannesburg.

How the Slate Compares to the Delegation

Regionally, the slate of nominees emphasized the global nature of the church, with U.S. nominees making up only half of the slate, while making up 62 percent of the total delegation. Nominees from Europe and Eurasia made up 11 percent of the slate, but only 3 percent of the delegation. Nominees from Africa (28 percent of the slate) and Latin America (1 percent of the slate) were proportional to their percentage of the delegation.

* indicates a current member

Bold italic indicates someone recommended by the Nominations Committee

Connectional Council

Elect 4 clergy and 4 lay, officers chosen by the Council

Additional 4 members will be added by the Connectional Council for expertise and balance

CLERGY

- Jeremy Barbee – West Plains
- Ryan Barnett – Mid-Texas
- Tyler Best – Great Lakes
- John Beyers – North Georgia*
- Artie Cadar – Trinity*
- Todd Chancey – Mid-South
- Kim Collins – North Carolina
- ***Luciano da Silva – Panama***
- ***Gabriella Kopas – Central Europe***
- ***Jessica LaGrone – Trinity****
- ***Henriette Okele – Democratic Republic of Congo****
- Scott Pattison – Great Lakes
- Daniel Topalski – Bulgaria*
- Jimmy Towson – South Georgia

LAITY

- ***Eugene Floore – Alabama Emerald Coast****
- ***Juliet Jere – Malawi***
- Mack Parker – North Carolina
- ***Sheela Shankar – India***
- ***Tammy Stott – North Carolina***

Council on Appeals

Elect 4 clergy and 3 laity from the total list, with an equal number of alternates

Officers chosen by the Council

CLERGY

- Zawdie “Doc” Abiade – Great Lakes*
- **Steven Bell – Trinity***
- **Ebenezer Belleh – Grain Coast**
- **Elliot Chikwenjere – Zimbabwe**
- **Daniel Fulton – Mid-South**
- **Paul Idi – Northeast Nigeria**
- **Richard Jones – West Plains***
- **John Kalambo – Zambia**
- **Stanislav Prokhorov – Central Russia**
- Jay Therrell – Florida
- **Robert Zilhaver – Allegheny West**

LAITY

- **James Bannister – South Carolina**
- **Ron Enns – West Plains***
- Marcel Kakudji Faliata – Democratic Republic of Congo
- **Sheryl Gadia – Mega Manila**
- **Beatrice Iliya – Northern Nigeria**
- **Sherlin James – India**
- **Vicky Johnson – Trinity***
- **Claudette Kon Kand – Democratic Republic of Congo**
- **Curtis Kurhajec – Mid-Texas**
- **Martina Lukic – Central Europe**
- **Esther Mwaniki – Kenya**
- **Gideon Salatan – Covenant Philippines***
- **David Smalley – Alabama Emerald Coast**

Conferences

Elect 6 clergy and 6 laity

No additional members to be added

CLERGY

- **Clark Atkins, Jr.* – Trinity**
- John Howard – North Carolina
- **Jonathan Lee – Upper Midwest (chair)**
- **Michael Morrissey, Jr. – Mid-South**
- **Washington Emmanuel Mtende – Malawi**
- **Wilton Odongo – Kenya***
- **Alban Amour Gonda Yagozo* – Central African Republic**

LAITY

- **James Massaquoi – Grain Coast**
- **Kirsten Mains – Great Lakes**
- **Brayan George Mwakalinga – Tanzania**
- **Pauline Ntombura – Afrika Mashariki**
- **Lori Smith* – Mississippi-West Tennessee**
- Frankie Watson – Trinity
- **Mickey Wheeler* – Mid-Texas**

Discipleship, Doctrine, and Just Ministry

Elect 10, at least half laity

Additional 5 members can be added by the Connectional Council for expertise and balance

CLERGY

- Kenneth Collins – Mid-South*
- David De Silva – Florida
- Michael Dillon – Great Lakes
- Cali Eck – Heartland
- Drew Holland – Mississippi-West Tennessee
- Jack Jackson – Florida
- **Martin Longanga – Democratic Republic of Congo**
- John Wayne McMann – Trinity
- **Suzanne Nicholson – Mid-South***
- **Dennis Obadiah – Southern Nigeria**
- **Virgilio Olonan – Covenant Philippines**

- ***Shea Reyenga – Mid-Texas***
- Travis Stevick – Upper Midwest
- Vladimir Zhelezov – Bulgaria

LAITY

- ***Pau Ayi-Bonte – Eastern Russia-Central Asia***
- Gregg Benefiel – Mid-South
- Jill Davis – Great Lakes
- Nikki Dillard – West Plains
- Kathleen Engleman – Great Lakes
- ***Elena Melnikova – Central Russia***
- ***Krista Pettit – Northeast***
- ***Kathy Rohrs – Allegheny West (chair)****
- ***Nolizwi Stofela – South Africa***

Ecumenical Relations

Elect 4 clergy and 4 laity, a bishop chairs the commission

No additional members to be added

CLERGY

- Dissashi Omba Djamba – Democratic Republic of Congo
- Rick LaDue – Northeast
- ***Samson Muzengeza – Zimbabwe***
- ***Debo Onabanjo – Allegheny West***
- ***Sakiusa Vakadewatabua, Jr. – Heartland****
- ***Vatroslav Zupancic – Central Europe****

LAITY

- ***Heather Carter-Young – North Carolina***
- Bridget Douglas – Great Lakes
- Linda Ishee – Mississippi-West Tennessee
- ***Kankolongo Johnson – Democratic Republic of Congo***
- Colleen Leath – Great Lakes
- ***Debbie Smalley – Alabama Emerald Coast****
- ***Elena Sokolova – Northwest Russia-Belarus***
- Sid Strebek – West Plains



Finance, Administration, Pension, And Benefits

Elect 10 members, at least one-half laity

Additional 5 members can be added by the Connectional Council for expertise and balance

CLERGY

- **Harrison Bell – Alabama Emerald Coast*(chair)**
- Richard Monga Kamuyombo – Democratic Republic of Congo
- **Vivian Kinnear – Trinity***
- Michael Lindsay – Mississippi-West Tennessee
- Dan Lyons – North Carolina
- **James Noble – Mid-Texas***
- **Matthew Seel – Mid-South***
- Elizabeth Winger – Heartland

LAITY

- **Sherry Austin – Great Lakes***
- **Olandor Boyce – Grain Coast***
- **Lindsey Clark – North Carolina**
- Renea Clevenger – Great Lakes
- Richard Croll – Heartland*
- Dave Elyea – Florida
- Tom Finley – Great Lakes
- **Sam Gregory – West Plains***
- Gisele Kabezya Nyota – Democratic Republic of Congo
- **Joy Perry – Allegheny West***
- **Luvo Thwethwa – South Africa***
- Kevin Vaughn – Florida

General Conference Commission

Elect 16 members, at least one-half laity

Additional 8 members can be added by the Connectional Council for expertise and balance

CLERGY

- Beth Ann Cook – Great Lakes*
- *Mbingeleli Diko – South Africa**
- *Mike Grant – Allegheny West**
- *Joy Griffin – North Georgia**
- *Ben Huebner – Mid-Texas*
- *Nicolas Munongo Sukisa – Democratic Republic of Congo**
- *Charles Puno – Mega Manila**

LAITY

- *Elizabeth Fink – Trinity*
- *Dana Gilliam – North Alabama*
- *Ephraim Ibrahim Jen – Southern Nigeria*
- *Inna Kim – Central Russia*
- *Bridget Kirk – Heartland (chair)**
- *Muriel Nelson – Grain Coast*
- *Walter Oduke – Kenya*
- *Giftson Rajan – India*
- *Stacy Taylor – Northeast**
- *Mandy White – West Plains*

Global Episcopacy Committee

Elect 6 laity and 6 clergy by a 60 percent vote

Officers elected by the committee, no additional members to be added

CLERGY

- *Jason Burnham – Trinity**
- *Robin Parr - North Georgia*
- *Chris Ritter - Great Lakes**
- *Joanne Turmalip Valenzuela - Mega Manila**
- *Aaron Opa Yankee - Grain Coast**
- Sarah Wanck – Great Lakes*
- *Kira Yufereva - Central Russia*



LAITY

- ***Don Bourland - Mississippi West Tennessee****
- Alan Campbell – Upper Midwest
- ***Patrick Chibhagidhi - Zimbabwe***
- ***Brad Folsom - South Georgia***
- ***Tyson Heins – Heartland****
- Sergei Kim – Central Russia
- ***Sarah Maher - Allegheny West****
- Nhoris Mbayo Ngoyi – Democratic Republic of Congo
- ***Ievgenii Semashko – Bulgaria***

Kingdom Advancement (Evangelism, Church Multiplication, Missional Mobilization, and Disaster Responses)

Elect 6 laity and 5 clergy

Additional 6 members can be added by the Connectional Council for expertise and balance

CLERGY

- ***Failuma Afeaki – Western States***
- Wes Griffin – North Georgia*
- Joshua Johnson – Heartland
- ***Paul Lawler – Mississippi-West Tennessee****
- ***Patrick Magaqa – South Africa***
- Kabah Mwenze – Democratic Republic of Congo*
- Phil Rogers – Upper Midwest
- ***Laura Saffell – Allegheny West***
- Sherri Tabaka-Morrissey – Mid-South*
- Tim Turner – Trinity
- ***Martin Kasongo Wakubatwa – Democratic Republic of Congo***
- Greg West – Virginia

LAITY

- ***Diana Briselli – Northeast (chair)***
- ***Bill Brown – Heartland***
- Daniel Buck – Great Lakes
- David Doty – Great Lakes
- Jim Flury – Florida
- Jeff Jernigan – North Georgia*
- ***Robby Kalitongi – Zambia***
- ***Elena Lyovushkina – Southern Russia***
- ***Mariela Mihaylova-Siderova – Bulgaria****
- ***Angelo Perez – Covenant Philippines***



Ministry and Higher Education

Elect 5 clergy and 5 laity

Additional 5 members can be added by the Connectional Council for expertise and balance

CLERGY

- Dalma Cribb – North Carolina
- Brad Dush – Heartland
- ***Daniel Gildner – Allegheny West****
- ***Kora Mujinga – Democratic Republic of Congo***
- Sergei Nikolaev – Central Russia
- Burt Palmer – Trinity*
- Lauren Porter – Mississippi-West Tennessee
- ***Thadius Sales – Northeast***
- Travis Stevick – Upper Midwest
- Margarita Todorova – Bulgaria*
- ***Leslie Tomlinson – Mid-Texas (chair)****
- Jaimie Willis – Heartland
- ***Christopher Wise – Great Lakes***

LAITY

- ***Diana Cabauatan – Covenant Philippines****
- ***Kelvin Kofi – Eastern Russia-Central Asia***
- ***Jane Finley – North Georgia****
- Audra Gaines – Mississippi-West Tennessee
- Ellen Harbin – Great Lakes
- ***Leesa Judd – South Carolina***
- Daniella Ngoy Masangu – Democratic Republic of Congo
- Nicodeme Katokolo Ndomba – Democratic Republic of Congo
- ***Catherine Sullivan – Trinity***

Nominations Committee Members

- Mbingeleli Diko – South Africa
- Holly Joy – Heartland (committee chair)
- Jessica LaGrone – Trinity
- Jonathan Lee – Upper Midwest
- Tami Nies – Allegheny West
- Henriette Okele – Democratic Republic of Congo
- Dennis Rader – Northeast
- Debbie Smalley – Alabama Emerald Coast
- Samson Muzengeza – Zimbabwe (non-voting)
- Sheela Shankar – India (non-voting)
- Thomas Lambrecht – GMC Staff (non-voting)

Advisory Team

- Mike Schafer – GMC Staff
- Simon Mafunda – GMC Staff
- Bishop Jeff Greenway
- Bishop Leah Gregory
- Bishop Kimba Evariste
- Gabi Kopas – Central Europe
- Wilton Odongo – Kenya
- Jordan McFall – Heartland



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OBJECTIVES

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SOLUTION

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AT A GLANCE BENEFITS

- Opportunity to embrace the Holy Spirit
- Hands-on teaching and equipping with Holy Spirit Activation
- Connecting Word and Spirit

OPPORTUNITIES

1. Ministry to Clergy & Ministry Leaders

ARM offers a transformative and enriching experience for pastors seeking renewal, growth, and a deeper connection with their calling.

2. Annual Family Renewal Events

Usually a family event with teaching, worship, and prayer for all ages.

3. Host an ARM Regional Event

Events options include teaching on the Holy Spirit, Praying in the Power of the Holy Spirit, Gifts of the Holy Spirit, Hearing God's Voice and Prophetic Ministry, Worship, Regional Pastoral and Laity Renewal, Family Conferences, and much more. All can be custom-made to fit your context.

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Reports



Report of the Connectional Council

The Connectional Council serves as the chief missional and administrative body of the Global Methodist Church between sessions of the General Conference. Made up of leaders from across the globe, the Connectional Council exists to provide leadership, coordination, strategic direction, and oversight so that the mission of the Church may flourish throughout the connection.

The work of the very first Connectional Council over the past two years has included nurturing the foundational systems and leadership structures of the GMC, guided by the Church's mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ and spreading scriptural holiness across the globe. The Council has worked closely with the Assembly of Bishops, the connectional commissions, annual conference leadership, and general church staff to help establish structures, systems, and priorities for a rapidly growing and increasingly global denomination. In these formative years, much of the Council's work has involved building sustainable systems for a young denomination while discerning how to remain nimble, connectional, and missionally focused.

Shaping our Connectional Structures

The Global Methodist Church continues to grow across multiple continents, cultures, and ministry contexts. One of the primary responsibilities of the Connectional Council has been helping shape a connectional structure capable of supporting that growth without creating unnecessary institutional complexity.

The Council has worked to coordinate the efforts of the general church commissions so that their work complements one another and advances the shared mission and priorities of the Global Methodist Church. This has included facilitating communication among commissions through regular meetings of commission chairs. The Council also hosted a leadership gathering that included commission chairs, the Assembly of Bishops, and the Connectional Council to ensure alignment between leadership bodies and continued faithfulness to the vision established by the General Conference.

Strategic Leadership and Collaboration

The Connectional Council has devoted significant attention to helping align ministries and priorities across the denomination. In partnership with the Assembly of Bishops, conference leaders, and commission leadership, the Council has sought to identify priorities that strengthen the Church's witness both now and for future generations.

Significant work has been focused on strengthening communication, improving coordination, identifying shared ministry needs, and developing systems that can be truly global while retaining focus on the ministry of the local church.

Particular attention has been given to ensuring that the denomination's growth remains rooted in discipleship and doctrinal faithfulness rather than merely organizational expansion. The Council recognizes that structures alone cannot sustain a movement. Only the work of the Holy Spirit through faithful churches, leaders, and disciples can accomplish that work.

Budgeting, Administration, and Oversight

In accordance with its responsibilities under the Book of Doctrines and Discipline, the Connectional Council has overseen the general church budget and worked closely with the Commission on Finance, Administration, Pensions, and Benefits and the executive staff to ensure responsible stewardship of the Church's resources.

The Council has also reviewed and approved general church staffing needs, operational policies, and administrative structures necessary to support the denomination's expanding work. Particular attention has been given to maintaining transparency, accountability, and responsible oversight during these foundational years.

Supporting a Global Church

As the Global Methodist Church continues to expand around the globe, the Connectional Council has increasingly focused on the opportunities and challenges of serving a truly global connection.

The Council has worked to ensure collaboration across the globe while recognizing the diverse ministry contexts in which the Church serves. This has included conversations surrounding cross-cultural communication, translation needs, leadership development, and collaboration among annual conferences around the world. As various groups around the world have pursued alignment with the Global Methodist Church, the Connectional Council has worked closely with the Conferences Commission and Assembly of Bishops to establish pathways for discernment, approve emerging areas, and celebrate the formation of new annual conferences.

Preparations for the 2026 General Conference

Soon after the Costa Rica Convening Conference, the General Conference Commission consulted with the Connectional Council on the selection of the venue for 2026. New venue options made it possible to hold legislative committee meetings on-site, rather than virtually, as originally envisioned in the Plan of Organization adopted in Costa Rica. The Council ratified substantial changes to the Plan of Organization to accommodate this new possibility. As the plans developed, the Council adopted additional tweaks to the Plan of Organization. All the changes to the Plan of Organization will need to be approved by the General Conference at its opening session in order to become official, even though we have been operating by the revised plan in all our preparations.

Leadership and Organizational Development

The Connectional Council has also given considerable attention to organizational development and long-term sustainability. This has included evaluating staffing structures, supporting the work of the Connectional Operations Officer and staff, clarifying operational processes, and strengthening systems that allow the denomination to function effectively across multiple regions and ministry contexts.

At every stage, the Council has sought to remain attentive to the spiritual character of leadership. The work of administration in the Church is never merely technical. Faithful governance is itself a ministry of stewardship, service, and accountability.

The Council has repeatedly returned to the conviction that the leadership bodies of the Global Methodist Church must resist the temptation to become disconnected from the life of our local congregations. Our desire is to strengthen a movement of churches committed to worshiping passionately, loving extravagantly, and witnessing boldly.

Looking Ahead

The work of the first Connectional Council over these early years has largely involved laying foundations. Much work remains ahead. The Global Methodist Church continues to grow rapidly, and the responsibilities of connectional leadership will continue to take shape alongside that growth.

In the coming years, the Council anticipates continued focus on:

- Continued development and advancement of strategic planning for evangelism, discipleship, and mission.
- Strengthening communication and collaboration throughout the global Church.
- Supporting annual conferences, leaders, and local congregations.
- Maintaining lean and sustainable structures.
- Enhancing global participation, cross-cultural communication, and global leadership.
- Coordinating churchwide ministries and initiatives.

The Apostle Paul reminds the Church that gifts in ministry are given “to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.” (Eph. 4:11-12). Sound organization, faithful stewardship, and wise leadership are not distractions from the mission of the Church; they are means of supporting the mission entrusted to us by Christ.

The Connectional Council gives thanks for the faithfulness of bishops, clergy, laity, annual conference leaders, general church staff, commission members, and local churches throughout the connection. We are especially grateful for the countless leaders, pastors, members, and congregations who continue to proclaim the gospel, form disciples, and bear witness to Jesus Christ in communities around the world.

We are grateful for all of those who remain committed to serving the Global Methodist Church with humility, collaboration, transparency, and hope as together we seek to make disciples of Jesus Christ and spread scriptural holiness across the globe.

To God be the glory.

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Connectional Operations Officer Report

As I look back on the past two years serving as the Connectional Operations Officer, I am overwhelmed by God's goodness and His amazing grace. I stand in awe of what He has done in such a short time through this new movement called the Global Methodist Church. I am humbled to serve in this COO role and help guide the operational life of the GMC.

Before diving into the details, some may wonder, *"What exactly does a Connectional Operations Officer do?"* Paragraph 815 of the Book of Doctrines and Discipline states:

"The connectional operations officer shall bear responsibility for the fruitful and accountable functioning of all general church boards, commissions, and councils as they work together to fulfill the General Conference's missional mandates between General Conferences."

That is a helpful description, but how does it actually work in the daily life of the GMC? In short: I work behind the scenes with our leadership groups to help cultivate the healthiest, most Jesus-centered movement possible. My passion is to keep us focused on the mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ, while encouraging us to "play well" with one another. Like any new organization, we have experienced growing pains as we clarify roles, responsibilities, and priorities. Many days are chaotic and crazy, but we see God working in so many ways. I want to highlight a few areas of that work.

Staff

I have the privilege of serving alongside 17 of the most dedicated people I know. Our GMC global staff—12 full-time and 6 part-time—serve across the United States and on the continent of Africa. This group is committed to building a healthy team that can serve our local churches, pastors, and annual conferences around the world. We have spent a lot of time over the last two years talking about how we do this with excellence and the heart of Jesus. We have developed staff job descriptions, an employee handbook, an evaluation process, and a staff mission statement. We have also started biannual in-person meetings to build our team and do strategic work together.

Leadership Teams

I am blessed to work daily with the faithful, godly leaders elected by the General Conference to serve on the Connectional Council, the various GMC Commissions, the Global Episcopacy Committee, and the Connectional Council of Appeals. Watching these groups form, find their identity, and step into their responsibilities has been inspiring. My role is primarily to resource these teams, keep them informed about the work of other groups, and help them navigate the inevitable growing pains of a young movement. With these leadership groups, sometimes I serve in the role of encourager, sometimes mediator, sometimes referee, and sometimes guidance counselor. Each of these teams has worked tirelessly this year to do their part in advancing the mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ and spreading scriptural holiness across the globe.

Assembly of Bishops

One of my greatest joys has been working alongside our nine episcopal leaders. These men and women are the real deal—gifted, prayerful, mission-driven, and deeply committed to spreading the good news of Jesus. It is an honor to participate in their gatherings and support their work in any way that helps them lead more effectively. My passion is to keep operational issues off the bishops' shoulders as much as possible so they can excel at providing spiritual leadership to our movement.

Finances

Over the past two years, I have worked closely with the Finance, Administration, Pensions, and Benefits Commission and with Matt Conover, our Executive Director of Finance. Our focus is to provide leadership that ensures our financial systems mature and strengthen in step with our rapid organizational growth. Together we developed the first GMC budget, new financial policies, and a set of guiding financial values. We also worked to have more consistent, transparent financial reports. As these foundations were put in place, God blessed us beyond measure through the generosity of our local churches. Our commitment is to steward these resources faithfully so that every dollar brings the most Kingdom impact.

Conference Superintendents

Although not explicitly listed in my BDD job description, I quickly discovered that our conference superintendents are a critical part of my work. Nearly every week I connect with these leaders through emails, phone calls, and Zoom meetings. My goal is to be a resource—answering questions, helping resolve issues, and providing timely information.

We also launched a monthly Zoom gathering to keep CSs informed about operational matters across the GMC movement.

Other Areas

There have been countless other areas where I have worked with leadership on various projects and issues. Some of these include the Strategic Planning Task Force, Global Staffing Task Force, Lilly Grant Team, Data Management Team (Atlas Database), Ministry Safe, Ministerial Training Fund, health insurance, and the list goes on.

Final Thoughts

One of the things I love most about this role is that no two days are ever the same. Each day brings new questions, new challenges, and new opportunities to support leaders across the GMC. Jesus has blessed me beyond measure through the relationships formed and the work shared with so many faithful servants. Thank you for the privilege of serving in this role. I am grateful, humbled, and excited for all that God has ahead for the Global Methodist Church.

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Report of the Global Episcopacy Committee

The Global Episcopacy Committee respectfully submits this report to the General Conference of the Global Methodist Church with gratitude for the trust placed in this committee, appreciation for the bishops who have served the Church during this formative season, and confidence in the Lord's continued guidance as the Global Methodist Church moves into its next chapter.

I. INTRODUCTION

The Global Episcopacy Committee was constituted following the convening General Conference of 2024 and began its work during the first season of the Global Methodist Church's life as a duly constituted denomination. After electing officers, our first major responsibility was the assignment of the bishops elected in Costa Rica. This prayerful work immediately immersed us in the consultation and discernment that would define much of our service. We appreciate the willing spirit with which our bishops received their assignments.

Beyond this initial task, the committee undertook its central charge related to the care, accountability, support, evaluation, and election processes connected to the episcopacy. Because the Global Methodist Church is still in an early stage of development, much of our work has involved both fulfilling assigned responsibilities and helping establish practical patterns for how those responsibilities may be carried out in the future.

The committee has sought to honor the *Book of Doctrines and Discipline*, support the bishops serving the Church, provide appropriate oversight, and prepare the denomination for the election and deployment of episcopal leaders for the 2026–2032 period. This work has required prayer, discernment, confidentiality, collaboration, and careful attention to the needs of a growing global church.

II. OUR TEAM

The committee has been blessed with a gifted and dedicated team. Jason Burnham, conference superintendent of the Trinity Conference, has served as an excellent vice chair, leading major projects and chairing our finance work. Christine Hargrove of North Georgia has served faithfully as secretary while also bringing valuable insight from her work as a clinical therapist. Don Bourland, an attorney from the Memphis-West Tennessee Conference, has been an essential contributor to our responses to complaints and other sensitive matters. His legal acumen, along with that of Jean Jacques Mbuyu of the Democratic Republic of Congo and William Floyd of South Carolina, has proved invaluable.

Tyson Heins of the Heartland Conference has carried significant responsibility in the election process and has been a passionate advocate for episcopal accountability. Sarah Walters-Maher of the Allegheny West Conference has readily accepted special assignments and brought deep experience in global missions. Matt O'Reilly of North Alabama has added pastoral wisdom and



theological grounding. Gregg Benefiel, a lay leader from the Mid South Conference, has contributed perspective from his background in international business and his regional experience with the episcopacy. Aaron Yankee of the Grain Coast Conference was added to the committee by the Connectional Council, strengthening our global representation and offering crucial insight into supervisory ministry in African contexts. Joanne Valenzuela of the Mega Manila Conference has faithfully participated in our deliberations, often through very late nights.

Two committee members, Lyndol Loyd of West Plains and Heather Sims of the Trinity Conference, stepped down from the GEC to accept nominations to the episcopacy. Before his departure, Lyndol designed and led our 360-degree evaluation process. When Heather stepped down in early 2026, we were pleased to welcome Sarah Wanck of the Great Lakes Conference, another gifted large-church pastor.

The committee has also benefited greatly from the participation of Mike Schafer, Connectional Operations Officer. Mike has provided important insight into the needs of the whole Church and has served as a ready link to the Assembly of Bishops. We have also appreciated the opportunity to collaborate with GMC Staff, the Conferences Commission, the Finance, Administration, Pensions, and Benefits Commission, the Commission General Conference, and the Connectional Council.

I am grateful for these servants of Christ who have given time, prayer, wisdom, and careful attention to complex and sometimes difficult matters. The work has often required long meetings, sensitive conversations, and decisions made amid complex information.

III. SUPPORT FOR THE ASSEMBLY OF BISHOPS

A significant part of the committee's work has involved communication with and support for the Assembly of Bishops. The committee has met with and consulted the bishops over the past two years. We have received reports, listened to concerns, discussed needs in their areas of service, and sought to provide both encouragement and accountability. Bishops have also frequently opened our meetings with a devotional word.

The bishops have served during a demanding season. Many have carried responsibilities across large geographic areas, emerging conferences, new denominational structures, cross-cultural settings, and significant administrative demands. Their work has included organizing annual conferences, ordaining clergy, encouraging congregations, representing the Global Methodist Church, and helping shape the spiritual and missional direction of the denomination. The travel demands alone have been significant.

The committee gives thanks for the service of the bishops during this transitional period. We recognize that the episcopal office in the Global Methodist Church is not a position of status, but one of spiritual leadership, accountability, and service. Bishops are called to guard the faith, order, unity, and discipline of the Church while also leading the Church into mission.

IV. EPISCOPAL ACCOUNTABILITY AND EVALUATION

The Global Episcopacy Committee has taken seriously its responsibility for episcopal accountability. The committee occupies a unique place in Methodist history as an independent body charged with receiving and processing complaints and ensuring accountability for bishops. During this period, the committee developed and implemented evaluation practices designed to provide meaningful feedback and encourage faithful leadership.



This work has included attention to annual episcopal evaluation, leadership expectations, patterns of participation, financial accountability, relational leadership, responsiveness to the wider Church, and the overall fruitfulness of episcopal ministry.

The committee has also received and addressed concerns related to episcopal leadership. Some of these matters have involved sensitive information and personnel-related issues. For that reason, this report does not provide details that would compromise confidentiality, due process, or the integrity of ongoing relationships. However, the committee believes it is important to state clearly that concerns brought to us have been taken seriously, reviewed carefully, and addressed according to the authority and responsibilities entrusted to the committee.

V. PREPARATION FOR THE 2026 EPISCOPAL ELECTIONS

One of the committee's most significant responsibilities has been preparing for episcopal elections at the 2026 General Conference.

The Global Methodist Church has adopted an election process that reflects a commitment to grassroots discernment. Rather than relying on a purely centralized process, the Church has asked General Conference delegations and area committees on episcopacy to play important roles in identifying leadership needs and assessing episcopal nominees.

The committee has worked to organize and support this process. This has included clarifying nomination procedures, setting the number of episcopal areas, communicating with delegations, preparing orientation materials for nominees, developing expectations for episcopal nominees, planning for nominee assessment, and equipping newly formed area committees on episcopacy as they participate in the process.

The committee has also made interpretive and procedural decisions. Among these has been the clarification that nominations for episcopal office are to come through duly authorized General Conference delegations. The committee has sought to apply the *Book of Doctrines and Discipline* faithfully, consistently, and without partiality.

VI. AREA COMMITTEES ON EPISCOPACY

The committee has worked toward the formation of Area Committees on Episcopacy. These bodies will represent the conferences within proposed episcopal areas and will participate in the assessment and ranking of episcopal nominees.

The election process is designed to help ensure that bishops elected by the General Conference are not chosen merely in the abstract, but are considered in relation to the needs, contexts, and missional opportunities of the annual conferences they may serve.

The committee has worked on proposed episcopal area groupings for the 2026–2032 period and has sought feedback from delegations and conference leaders. These proposed areas are not intended to create regional political blocs, but to provide appropriate oversight, connection, and episcopal leadership for the whole Church.

The committee recognizes that the Global Methodist Church is still young and growing. This dynamic process will allow the Church to adjust episcopal areas every six years as the denomination expands, new conferences are formed, and mission fields develop. The work before this General Conference is therefore both important and provisional. It establishes a structure for the next season while leaving room for future refinement.

VII. EXPECTATIONS FOR EPISCOPAL NOMINEES

The committee has developed and communicated expectations for episcopal nominees. These expectations are rooted in the conviction that episcopal leadership must be marked by spiritual maturity, doctrinal faithfulness, humility, integrity, and a demonstrated capacity to lead the Church in mission.

The committee has sought to discourage electioneering, political maneuvering, factional campaigning, and practices that would undermine trust in the discernment process. The election of bishops should not mirror secular political campaigns. It should be an act of spiritual discernment by the General Conference, informed by the needs of the Church and the character, gifts, and fruitfulness of those being considered.

The committee has encouraged nominees to conduct themselves in a manner worthy of the office they may be called to hold. The Global Methodist Church needs bishops who understand authority as service, who can work across cultures and conferences, who can lead without domination, and who can strengthen the connection while keeping the mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ at the center.

VIII. THE NATURE OF EPISCOPACY IN THE GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH

In this first season, the committee has repeatedly returned to a basic conviction: the episcopacy in the Global Methodist Church must be shaped by the gospel, accountable to the Church, and ordered toward mission.

Bishops are elders set apart for the office of general superintendent. They are not a separate order of ministry. They are entrusted with particular responsibilities for oversight, teaching, unity, discipline, ordination, and mission. Their authority exists for the building up of the Church and the advancement of the gospel.

The Global Methodist Church has the opportunity to cultivate an episcopacy that avoids unhealthy patterns known in other contexts. We believe episcopal leadership should be connectional but not bureaucratic, authoritative but not authoritarian, global but not detached from local realities, and accountable without being undermined by constant suspicion.

This will require not only good rules, but a healthy culture.

IX. LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS

The Global Episcopacy Committee developed legislation for the 2026 General Conference to better define processes and roles related to the episcopacy. This work includes fifteen proposed amendments to Part Six, including a new paragraph defining the work of the area committees on episcopacy. We urge adoption of these submissions.

Our legislative team also worked closely with an ad hoc group seeking to improve Part Nine, Judicial Administration. As a participant in complaint processes, we were able to reconcile our vision with the ad hoc group in all but one instance.

X. LOOKING AHEAD

As the Global Methodist Church enters the 2026 General Conference, the work of episcopal leadership stands before us as one of the most important matters on the agenda.

The committee encourages the General Conference to approach episcopal elections prayerfully and carefully. We urge delegates to consider not only personal admiration, regional preference, or familiarity, but the needs of the whole Church. Bishops must be able to serve beyond their own local context. They must be faithful in doctrine, gracious in spirit, strong in leadership, accountable in practice, and deeply committed to the mission of spreading scriptural holiness across the globe.

The Global Methodist Church is still being formed. The decisions made at this General Conference will help determine the kind of episcopacy we will have and, in many ways, the kind of denomination we will become.

The Global Episcopacy Committee submits this report with humility, gratitude, and hope. We believe the Lord has guided the Church to this point, and we trust him to guide us in the days ahead.

Respectfully submitted,



Chris Ritter

Chair, Global Episcopacy Committee | Global Methodist Church
May 1, 2026

Conferences Commission

Over the past two years, the Lord has been doing something remarkable across the Global Methodist Church. Through the work of the Conferences Commission, we have witnessed a growing movement of churches, pastors, and leaders around the world joining in the mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ and spreading scriptural holiness across the globe.

The commission has been entrusted with guiding the formation of conferences and emerging areas so this movement can grow in healthy, accountable, and sustainable ways. By God's grace, the fruit has been extraordinary. Working alongside bishops and leaders across multiple continents, we have helped establish annual conferences, Transitional Conference Advisory Teams (TCATs), emerging areas, and missional areas.

Since the close of the Convening General Conference in September 2024, seventeen new annual conferences have convened:

- **Africa:** Afrika Mashariki, Angola, Central Nigeria, Ethiopian Nazrawiyan, Grain Coast, Malawi, Northeast Nigeria, Northern Nigeria, Oasis, Southern Nigeria, Uganda, Zambia, and Zimbabwe
- **Asia:** India (India, Bangladesh, Nepal, and Sri Lanka) and Thailand
- **Americas:** Mexico and Peru

In addition, five conferences have joined the Global Methodist Church through union:

- Central Russia
- East Russia–Central Asia
- Northwest Russia & Belarus
- South Russia
- Venezuela

Organizing work also continues through TCATs and emerging areas around the world:

- **Africa:** Burundi, Mozambique, Nile Valley (Sudan and South Sudan), Rwanda, and Southern Africa (Botswana, Namibia, and Madagascar)
- **Asia:** Myanmar, Pakistan, and Vietnam
- **Europe:** Aldersgate Europe (Albania, Finland, France, Portugal, Romania, Spain, and the United Kingdom)
- **Americas:** Brazil and the emerging area of Latin America and the Caribbean (Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, and Paraguay)

Existing conferences have also pioneered new missional areas by leveraging established relationships. Examples include the Heartland Annual Conference's work in Alberta and the Northwest Territories in Canada, and the Western States Annual Conference's adoption of Australia, Fiji, and New Zealand.



Along the way, the commission has helped establish processes for evaluating clergy credentials, approving church applications, and guiding new leaders so conferences are built on strong theological foundations and healthy structures.

This work is not merely administrative—it is deeply spiritual.

Every application represents a pastor called by God.

Every church represents a community being reached with the gospel.

Every conference represents a new center for mission.

Today, the Global Methodist Church continues to grow rapidly around the world, with thousands of churches, thousands of clergy, and dozens of conferences and emerging areas now part of this global connection. Behind every one of these stories is the work of the Holy Spirit drawing people together around a shared commitment to the authority of Scripture, the historic Christian faith, and the mission of the church.

We are deeply grateful for the bishops, pastors, lay leaders, and ministry partners who have joined in this work around the globe.

Finally, we give thanks to God for all He is doing through the Global Methodist Church as we make disciples of Jesus Christ and spread scriptural holiness across the globe.

To God be the glory!

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Discipleship, Doctrine, and Just Ministries (DDJM) Commission

The **Commission on Discipleship, Doctrine, and Just Ministry (DDJM)** began its work in late 2024 with a clear focus to provide theological guidance for the Global Methodist Church. The commission has navigated a broad range of responsibilities, from drafting foundational doctrinal statements to addressing the practicalities of campus ministry and the theology of ordination.

Foundational Framework and Subcommittees

At its inception, Chair David Watson established three primary subcommittees to focus the commission's early work: **Doctrine**, **Discipleship**, and **Just Ministry**.

- **Doctrine:** The initial priority was defined as exploring the question, "What is scriptural holiness?" This was identified as a critical need for the denomination, as many members were seeking guidance on this essential Methodist concept.
- **Discipleship:** This group was tasked with examining how Methodists "watch over one another in love," specifically focusing on the usefulness of holy conferencing, small groups, class meetings, and bands.
- **Just Ministry:** This subcommittee was formed to define a biblical understanding of justice and explore what "sanctified justice" looks like in both local and global contexts.

The Development of Doctrinal Standards

One of the commission's most significant achievements over the past year has been the creation of a **unified doctrinal statement** intended to combine the Articles of Religion and the Confession of Faith.

PRINCIPLES OF DRAFTING

In April 2025, the commission adopted several guiding principles for this work, including:

- Staying close to the intent and spirit of the two original documents.
- Avoiding idiosyncratic interpretations of topics like the atonement or sanctification to encompass the breadth of Wesleyan belief.
- Maintaining a level of specificity similar to the predecessor documents.
- Ensuring the language is accessible to both clergy and mature laity.
- Focusing on **affirmative content** rather than negative or polemical articles.

By June 2025, a writing team co-chaired by David Watson and Jason Vickers had completed 90% of the first draft, totaling roughly 1,900 words. The commission engaged in robust discussions regarding the specific language of the document. Upon completion of the first draft, Bishop Jones convened a broader body including ecumenical voices (e.g., Tom McCall, Doug Koskela) to review drafts before submission to General Conference. By March 2026, the final document was prepared for distribution.

to the global church for conversation and to offer an opportunity for feedback. The final document was submitted after incorporating this feedback in congruence with the original guidelines of the document creation.

Discipleship and “Watching Over One Another”

The Discipleship subcommittee produced a teaching document titled “**Watching Over One Another in Love.**” This work includes:

- **Biblical and historical foundations** of Methodist accountability.
- **Modern implementations** of these concepts for the 21st-century church.
- Case studies, such as the successes and challenges of the Kenyan church in maintaining trust-filled environments for spiritual growth.

Just Ministry and Biblical Justice

The Just Ministry subcommittee faced early challenges in narrowing its focus. Due to the complexity of language around “justice,” the commission considered separating this work from its other mandates to ensure these complex theological and ethical questions received adequate attention.

Revising the General Rules

A major legislative focus in 2026 involved a petition to **edit the General Rules**. The commission noted that if these rules were not removed from the denomination’s restrictive rules (constitution) now, they would be “locked in” for the future. The commission sought to determine if the rules remained adaptable for a global context and how they differ from social principles. A petition was approved in April 2026 to ensure the church has the flexibility to update these rules every six years if necessary.

Ordination and the Role of Deacons

Under the guidance of the Assembly of Bishops, the commission convened a cross-commission **Ordination Working Group** to address inconsistencies in the *Book of Doctrines and Discipline* regarding the roles of deacons and elders. Key developments included:

- A strong desire to maintain theological foundations for orders of ordination along with flexibility to meet missional needs.
- A focus as a continued task force through 2032 to think long-term and theologically about the role of deacons and orders of ordination.

Ritual and Membership Vows

The commission worked closely with the Assembly of Bishops to submit legislation regarding **baptismal and membership vows** to better incorporate the concept of scriptural holiness. The agreed-upon language for those entering the church includes the question: “**Are you growing in holiness and pursuing Christian perfection?**” There is an ongoing effort to create resources, such as guides to Wesley’s sermons, to help new members understand the depth of these vows.

Collaboration, Resourcing, and Outreach

The commission has prioritized being a “beating heart” for the church by providing theological clarity for the denomination and practical resources for local congregations.

- **Campus Ministry:** The commission is working towards a template and minimum approval process for annual conferences to use when vetting campus ministries.
- **Youth Ministry:** At the request of Bishop Scott Jones, the commission took on an advisory role for a proposed **Global Youth Assembly** initiated by young men in Nigeria.
- **Communication:** The commission has a continued emphasis on providing resources for the global church in its six official languages, both to address the ethical and theological challenges of the church and provide resources in collaboration with the Assembly of Bishops around the teachings of the Global Methodist Church.

Proposed Structural Changes and Future Work

Recognizing that its current mandate is exceptionally broad, the commission has proposed **renaming itself to the “Commission on Doctrine and Ethics.”** This change is intended to refine the group’s focus on complex theological matters and emerging ethical issues, such as **medical aid in dying, human sexuality, and gender identity.**

New subcommittees have already been suggested to address:

- A comprehensive document on **gender identity.**
- The church’s posture toward **civic authority and nation-states.**
- Concise teachings on the **Trinity and the problem of suffering.**

Throughout the year, the commission has emphasized that its work is intended to resource the bishops in their teaching office and provide a foundation for a church that “stands the test of time.” All work products are subject to the final endorsement of the bishops before public release.

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Ecumenical Relationships Commission

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Jesus prayed for all believers: “My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one— I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.” — John 17:20-23

The Commission on Ecumenical Relationships (ERC) focuses on the unity of the Church through friendship and education. Our primary audience is the Body of Christ. We aspire to enter all relationships with a posture of generous hospitality, humble learning, and ongoing conversation.

Educating and encouraging Global Methodists to seek Kingdom-building relationships with other churches and ministries in their communities. To equip the local church to build relationships with other churches in their communities, we have developed a six-week curriculum for the local church that provides practical guidance, theological grounding, and stories of churches working together. To find out more about this resource, find our Ecumenical Relationships page at globalmethodist.org.

Pursuing opportunities to promote Wesleyan theology together with other denominations, including publishing opportunities. The ERC pursues opportunities to promote Wesleyan-holiness theology by working together with like-minded denominations and publishing houses to promote Wesleyan values. We also seek to learn from others who can offer best practices as we grow globally. We have been especially grateful for the kind encouragement and support received from the Nazarenes, Free Methodists, The Wesleyan Church, Glenmary Missioners and other established denominations and groups that have been helpful coaches.

Building ecumenical friendships with groups where unity and mutual learning may be emphasized. We have been invited to join the following ecumenical groups: Wesleyan Holiness Women’s Clergy, Wesleyan Holiness Connection, and Global Wesleyan Alliance — all groups that support orthodox-leaning Wesleyan denominations. We have organized an intercessory prayer group that prays over all our emerging relationships. We are also in continuing conversations with Open Doors, making use of their resources (local church kits and “persecution preparedness” training) for our churches, as well as being involved with their ecumenical roundtable discussions in countries where persecution is more prevalent.

Informing groups and commissions within our own denomination of best practices as we discover them in conversation with others. We held a productive meeting with leaders of the Nazarenes for the purpose of learning and discovery. With a posture of receptive ecumenism, we continue to look for opportunities to resource our commissions and leadership teams as we learn from others in the larger Body of Christ.

Discerning together with those groups seeking to determine their best path forward through covenant partnership or full membership. We are honored to be in covenant relationships with Costa Rica and (as of this General Conference) the Korean Methodist Church). We continue to clarify our goals related to covenant relationships. Meanwhile, ongoing conversations with our Methodist friends in Venezuela and Fiji have yielded a deeper connection, as both of those fellowships have now discerned that full membership in the Global Methodist family is their next step. We welcome these two groups into the Global Methodist movement and consider their choice to “go Global” as a highlight of our collaborative work in these first two years together.

This is the beauty of holiness. Wherever it exists, it draws followers of Jesus together and fosters such sweet communion. It has been our joy to say to so many in these first two years of our existence, “If your heart is as our heart, give us your hand.”

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REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON Finance, Administration, Pensions, and Benefits

The Commission on Finance, Administration, Pensions, and Benefits exists to support faithful stewardship, integrity, and transparency at every level of the Global Methodist Church's connection. Appointed by the General Conference and reporting to the Connectional Council, the Commission serves the entire Global Methodist movement by providing financial oversight, legal support, and guidance in matters of pensions, benefits, statistics, archives, recordkeeping, and administration.

We undertake this work with the conviction that “it is required of stewards that they be found faithful” (1 Corinthians 4:2). The resources entrusted to the Global Methodist Church are sacred gifts from God, given through the generosity of local congregations and individual disciples for the sake of the mission of Jesus Christ.

The work of this Commission is not an end in itself. We serve the practical and administrative life of the Church so that the mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ and spreading scriptural holiness may flourish. Budgets, audits, policies, benefits, archives, and administrative systems are all means of supporting the Church's larger vision: multiplying disciples of Jesus Christ throughout the earth who flourish in scriptural holiness as we worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly.

Among its key responsibilities, the Commission oversees the general church's finances, including the Assembly of Bishops and all general church commissions. It ensures proper financial management through public reporting, annual audits, and preparation of the church-wide budget. It also helps care for the Church's past and future by maintaining statistics and historical archives and supporting the administration of clergy pensions and benefits. A full description of the Commission's responsibilities may be found in the *Book of Doctrines and Discipline* ¶1811.

Guiding Values

The Commission has sought to carry out its work around four guiding values.

First, we are committed to **transparency**. Trust is strengthened when financial information is clear, accessible, and regularly reported. The Commission continues to provide quarterly public financial updates at globalmethodist.org/general-church-finance and meeting minutes at globalmethodist.org/meeting-minutes-list. We believe sunlight strengthens trust, and trust strengthens mission.

Second, we are committed to **accountability and integrity**. Scripture reminds us that stewards must be found faithful. The Commission continues to review spending patterns, contractor relationships, credit card practices, audits, and policies governing the use and distribution of denominational funds. Our desire is to manage the Church's resources with care, consistency, and appropriate oversight.

Third, we remain committed to a **lean footprint**. The Global Methodist Church was formed with a desire to avoid unnecessary institutional weight and to direct more support toward ministry and mission. Our goal is not to build a heavy institution, but to support a Spirit-filled movement.

Fourth, we are committed to centering the **local church**. The local congregation is the primary arena where disciples are made, worship is offered, communities are served, and the gospel is embodied. Connectional structures exist to strengthen and support congregations, not to burden them.

Budget and Financial Oversight

The Commission continues its work in preparing and reviewing denominational budget matters for the Connectional Council and the General Conference. We believe the Church's budget is not merely a financial document; it is a theological and missional statement. As Jesus said, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:21).

The 2026 budget is set at \$7.2 million, supporting more than 50 annual conferences and over 7,000 churches. **Quarterly financial updates are maintained on the denominational website so the Church can remain informed about income, expenses, and budget performance.**

As part of its oversight responsibility, the Commission has established financial policies, including maintaining up to a six-month operating reserve. This reserve exists as a safeguard, not as a routine source of operational funding. Like Joseph's preparation in Egypt, faithful stewardship prepares not only for today's needs but also for tomorrow's challenges.

Non-U.S. Conferences and International Funding

The Commission recognizes that the Global Methodist Church is a truly global body, called to serve people "from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages" (Revelation 7:9). As the Church grows globally, our financial systems must account for the realities of conferences outside the United States.

A task force has been formed to address connectional funding strategies for non-U.S. global conferences. We are especially encouraged that many non-U.S. conferences are now giving connectional funding to the global church. This is a significant and hopeful sign for the health of our connection. To God be the glory!

This generosity reflects something deeper than a financial transaction. It is a sign of shared mission, mutual responsibility, and global partnership in the gospel. As we grow together, we are working to strengthen systems that allow funds to be received, managed, audited, and reported with clarity, fairness, and integrity across the global Church.

Audits

The Commission continues to prioritize regular, independent audits as an essential practice of financial accountability. We are actively working to bring all audits up to date as soon as possible and to establish rhythms of review that strengthen confidence across the connection.

Audits are more than procedural requirements; they are acts of stewardship. They provide assurance to local churches, clergy, laity, donors, and denominational leaders that funds are being received, managed, and disbursed appropriately. As Paul wrote regarding the collection for the saints, "We take this course so that no one should blame us about this generous gift that is being administered by us" (2 Corinthians 8:20).

For a young and growing denomination, trust is one of our most important assets. Regular audits, clear reporting, and responsible oversight help ensure that the Global Methodist Church is building on a foundation of integrity, transparency, and faithful stewardship.

Global Methodist Church Foundation

The formation of a Global Methodist Church Foundation has been approved by the Connectional Council. The Foundation is envisioned as a vehicle to support the long-term mission and financial health of the Church.

This work is an investment in future faithfulness. Proverbs reminds us, “A good man leaves an inheritance to his children’s children” (Proverbs 13:22). In the same spirit, the Foundation will help strengthen generations of disciples, churches, pastors, and mission fields yet to come. More information will be provided as the Foundation forms over the next several months.

Health Insurance and Benefits

The Commission was asked by the Convening General Conference to give attention to health insurance and benefits, particularly for clergy and churches in the United States.

We have been blessed to work with GuideStone for our insurance and benefits needs, and this has proven to be a strong and healthy relationship. Current arrangements with GuideStone extend through 2027, with any potential changes taking effect, at the earliest, in 2028.

An insurance sub-team has been working diligently with conference leadership and the Connectional Council to determine recommendations for the future. We are prayerfully aware that benefits are not merely administrative matters. They affect clergy families, local church budgets, pastoral transitions, recruitment, retention, and long-term ministry sustainability. Scripture reminds us that “the laborer deserves his wages” (1 Timothy 5:18). The Commission remains committed to seeking options that are responsible, affordable, and supportive of all clergy and churches.

Petitions to the General Conference

The Commission also assisted other commissions and the Connectional Council throughout the legislative process, while also approving and submitting three petitions of its own to the General Conference.

The first petition relates to ¶449.7, providing local churches with connectional funding remittance options. The second relates to ¶710.4, strengthening expectations for financial audits in annual conferences. The third relates to ¶711.1, addressing annual conference connectional funding to and for ministries and missional efforts.

Together, these petitions reflect the Commission’s commitment to transparency, accountability, and sustainable connectional funding for a global Church. They are offered in the spirit of strengthening our shared life, clarifying our connectional practices, and removing unnecessary barriers so that every congregation and conference may participate faithfully and fruitfully in the mission we share.

Looking Ahead

The work of the Commission on Finance, Administration, Pensions, and Benefits is often quiet, detailed, and practical. Yet it is deeply connected to the mission of the Church. Faithful administration creates trust. Clear reporting strengthens confidence. Wise budgeting protects mission. Responsible benefits support clergy and families. Strong policies guard integrity. Appropriate reserves prepare the Church for the future.

As the Global Methodist Church continues to grow, the Commission remains committed to serving with humility, transparency, and accountability. We believe the Church's financial and administrative life should reflect the character of Christ and the mission of the gospel. We also believe that a lean and faithful connectional structure can strengthen local churches rather than distract from them.

The Apostle Peter exhorts the Church, "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Peter 4:10). That is our desire: to be faithful stewards of the grace, trust, generosity, and mission God has placed in our hands.

The Commission gives thanks for the generosity of local congregations, the diligence of the global support staff, the service of the Connectional Council, and the faithfulness of all who are working to build a denomination and movement that worships passionately, loves extravagantly, and witnesses boldly.

I am personally thankful for the work of the following Commission members over the past two years, all of whom have volunteered their time to help ensure that the financial foundation of the Global Methodist Church is secure for future generations: Chris Akers (Florida); Sherry Austin (Great Lakes); Rhonda Bourgeois (Trinity); Olandor Boyce (Grain Coast); Richard Croll (Heartland); Herman Dick (Allegheny West); Sam Gregory, Vice Chair (West Plains); Sung Soo Kim (Korean American); Vivian Kinnear, Secretary (Trinity); Jennifer Lineberry (North Carolina); Jim Noble (Mid Texas); Joy Perry (Allegheny West); Matt Seel (MidSouth); and Luvo Thwethwa (South Africa).

May the Lord make us faithful in what has been entrusted to us, so that the Global Methodist Church may continue to make disciples of Jesus Christ and spread scriptural holiness across the globe.

To God be the Glory!



Rev. Dr. Harrison J. Bell
Alabama- Emerald Coast



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GMC Financial Statements



**Global Methodist Church
January - December 2025
Preliminary Statement
of Financial Activities **UNAUDITED****

2025 Actuals

Income

3000 Income	
3010 Direct Contributions	262,948
3020 Connectional Funding - General Church	8,840,134
Total 3000 Income	9,103,083
3100 Miscellaneous Income	256
3200 Investment income	139,854
3600 Dividends Income	120,541
3900 Interest Income	95,347
Total Income	9,459,081

Expenses

1 Program Expenses	
4000 Professional Services	
4004 Accounting Consulting Services	19,181
4008 Audit Services	10,294
4010 Legal Services - General	11,736
4012 Database Development Services	33,250
4016 Information Technology Services	137,435
4020 Website Design	69,220
4024 Child Safety Services	90,739
4028 Data Services (Mission Insite)	85,000
4032 Interpreter & Translation Services	22,514
4036 Marketing Services	21,293
4048 Audio Visual Photography Production	27,669
4052 Honorariums	1,875
4056 Other Consulting Services	142,236
Total 4000 Professional Services	672,443
4060 Professional & Finance Fees	
4064 Governmental Registration Fees	12,750
4072 Legal Fees-Immigration	1,696
4076 Credit Card Processing Fees	28,346
4080 Bank Charges & Fees	8,111
4084 Sponsorships	40,500
Total 4060 Professional & Finance Fees	91,403

4100 Supplies and Administrative Expenses	
4104 Office Supplies	19,030
4108 Shipping & Postage	7,421
4112 Dues & Subscriptions	6,416
4116 Printing	4,578
4120 Furnishings & Equipment	46,163
4124 Marketing and Promotional Items	390
4128 Training Materials	17,244
Total 4100 Supplies and Administrative Expenses	101,242
4200 Travel	
4204 Airfare	299,306
4208 Ground Transportation	77,373
4212 Meals	50,968
4216 Lodging	194,482
4220 Event Registration	9,237
4224 Travel Insurance	757
4228 Meeting Space Rental	24,436
4236 Other Travel Related Costs	129,398
Total 4200 Travel	785,959
4300 Facility Expenses	
4304 Office Rental	33,302
4308 Insurance	14,168
4312 Utilities	21,318
4316 Miscellaneous Expense	4,195
Total 4300 Facility Expenses	72,982
Total 1 Program Expenses	1,724,029
3 Salaries & Benefits	
6000 Salaries	1,944,110
6016 Medical Expense	1,267
6017 Employer Pension Expense	156,670
6018 Health Insurance Expense	165,028
6020 Payroll Tax Expenses	62,890
6030 Payroll Processing Fees	18,387
Total 3 Salaries & Benefits	2,348,351
7990 Other Expenses	
7996 Budgeted Contingency	110,106
7997 Uncollectible Accounts	36,713
Total 7990 Other Expenses	146,819
Total Expenses	4,219,200
Net Operating Income	5,239,881
Other Income	
7800 Unrealized Gain / Loss	(51,662)
Net Other Income	(51,662)
Increase in Net Assets	5,188,219



Global Methodist Church
January - December 2025
Management Reporting UNAUDITED

	Full Year Budget	Full Year Actuals	Actuals as a % of Full Year Budget
<u>Income</u>			
General Church Connectional Funding	\$ 6,389,367	\$ 8,840,134	138.4%
<u>Expenses</u>			
Connectional Council			
Programming-Meetings, Training, Education	\$ 5,000	\$ 3,189	63.8%
Travel	89,100	87,668	98.4%
Growth Contingency	5,900	-	0.0%
Other not listed	10,000	469	4.7%
Total Connectional Council	<u>\$ 110,000</u>	<u>\$ 91,325</u>	<u>83.0%</u>
Council on Appeals			
Growth Contingency	\$ -	\$ 456	
Total Council on Appeals	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 456</u>	
Assembly of Bishops			
Salaries	\$ 731,662	\$ 748,696	102.3%
Benefits	129,557	85,954	66.3%
Travel	347,957	299,765	86.2%
Growth Contingency	35,000	-	0.0%
Other not listed	50,000	8,900	17.8%
Total Assembly of Bishops	<u>\$ 1,294,176</u>	<u>\$ 1,143,315</u>	<u>88.3%</u>
Conferences Commission			
General Administration Expenses	\$ 500	\$ -	0.0%
Professional Fees & Services	50,000	11,762	23.5%
Travel	22,000	32,558	148.0%
Total Conferences Commission	<u>\$ 72,500</u>	<u>\$ 44,320</u>	<u>61.1%</u>
Discipleship, Doctrine and Just Ministry Commission			
Programming-Supplies	\$ 200	\$ -	0.0%
Travel	35,200	-	0.0%
Total Discipleship, Doctrine and Just Ministry Commission	<u>\$ 35,400</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Ecumenical Relationships			
General Administration Expenses	\$ 5,000	\$ -	0.0%
Professional Fees & Services	5,000	-	0.0%
Programming-Meetings, Training, Education	8,000	-	0.0%
Programming-Supplies	2,000	-	0.0%
Travel	172,625	6,483	3.8%
Growth Contingency	23,625	-	0.0%
Other not listed	20,000	9,500	47.5%
Total Ecumenical Relationships	<u>\$ 236,250</u>	<u>\$ 15,983</u>	<u>6.8%</u>

Finance Admin Pension Benefits Commission

Programming-Meetings, Training, Education	\$ 2,500	\$ -	0.0%
Travel	26,925	165	0.6%
Growth Contingency	3,075	-	0.0%
Total Finance Admin Pension Benefits Commission	\$ 32,500	\$ 165	0.5%

Ministry and Higher Education Commission

Programming-Supplies	\$ 200	\$ 224	112.2%
Travel	35,200	24,953	70.9%
Total Ministry and Higher Education Commission	\$ 35,400	\$ 25,177	71.1%

Kingdom Advancement

General Administration Expenses	\$ 3,000	\$ 551	18.4%
Professional Fees & Services	1,000	26,259	2625.9%
Programming-Meetings, Training, Education	108,000	7,540	7.0%
Travel	105,200	169,408	161.0%
Ministry Programming	392,000	121,241	30.9%
Growth Contingency	184,250	52,029	28.2%
Total Kingdom Advancement	\$ 793,450	\$ 377,028	47.5%

Total Council, Assembly and Commissions²

\$ 2,609,676 \$ 1,697,771 65.1%

Global Operations

Connectional Operations

Salaries (20 employees)	\$ 1,226,250	\$ 1,195,415	97.5%
Benefits	330,877	297,734	90.0%
Programming-Supplies	25,000	4,189	16.8%
Travel	162,000	56,629	35.0%
Shipping / Dues Subscriptions	8,000	3,953	49.4%
Mission Insight	100,000	85,000	85.0%
Ministry Safe	75,000	90,318	120.4%
Growth Contingency	505,164	36,466	7.2%
Other not listed	2,000	16,630	831.5%
Total Connectional Operations	\$ 2,434,291	\$ 1,786,333	73.4%

Communications

Professional Fees & Services	\$ 320,500	\$ 134,565	42.0%
Programming-Supplies	6,000	7,930	132.2%
Travel	37,000	17,494	47.3%
Total Communications	\$ 363,500	\$ 159,988	44.0%

Connectional Ministries

Programming-Supplies	\$ 8,000	\$ 2,307	28.8%
Travel	18,500	13,184	71.3%
Sponsorships	100,000	25,000	25.0%
Growth Contingency	15,500	-	0.0%
Other not listed	2,000	-	0.0%
Total Connectional Ministries	\$ 144,000	\$ 40,491	28.1%

Finance

Professional Fees & Services	\$ 142,500	\$ 76,138	53.4%
Programming-Supplies	12,000	26,242	218.7%
Travel	23,000	21,540	93.7%
Financial Services	142,500	16,358	11.5%
Facility Expenses	77,400	54,043	69.8%
Growth Contingency	30,000	7,279	24.3%
Other not listed	4,000	-	0.0%
Total Finance	\$ 431,400	\$ 201,600	46.7%

Information Technology

Software Services	\$ 191,500	\$ 158,069	82.5%
Growth Contingency	20,000	-	0.0%
Total Information Technology	\$ 211,500	\$ 158,069	74.7%

New Conference Development

International Conference Registrations	\$ 75,000	\$ 13,055	17.4%
Growth Contingency	20,000	13,875	69.4%
Other not listed	100,000	111,303	111.3%
Total New Conference Development	\$ 195,000	\$ 138,233	70.9%

Total Global Operations

\$ 3,779,691	\$ 2,484,716	65.7%
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Total Expenses

\$ 6,389,367	\$ 4,182,486	65.5%
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Addition to (Subtraction from) Net Assets

\$ 4,657,648



GLOBAL
METHODIST CHURCH

Global Methodist Church
Statement of Financial Position UNAUDITED
As of December 31, 2025

	<u>USD</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	683,258
Other Current Assets	10,944,970
Total Current Assets	<u>11,628,227</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>11,628,227</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Total Accounts Payable	3,782
Total Credit Cards	85,536
Other Current Liabilities	
Accrued Expenses	18,476
Taxes Payable	16,069
Pass Through Payments	30,782
Connectional Funding Mispayments	3,023
Total Other Current Liabilities	68,350
Total Current Liabilities	<u>157,667</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>157,667</u>
Net Assets	
Net Assets with Donor Restrictions	
Emerging Conference Funds	164,108
Disaster Relief Funds	581,579
Church Multiplication Funds	377,164
Ministry and Higher Education Funds	10,071
General Conference Designated Fund	478,701
Other Designated Funds	138,167
Total Net Assets with Donor Restrictions	<u>1,749,790</u>
Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions	
Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions - Undesignated	6,043,486
Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions - Board Designated	
General Conference	2,860,000
ATS-GMC Church Plant Fund	250,000
Interest and Investment Income	567,284
Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions - Board Designated Total	<u>3,677,284</u>
Total Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions	<u>9,720,770</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>11,470,560</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u>11,628,227</u>

General Conference Commission

The 2026 General Conference Commission (GCC) began its work immediately following the 2024 Convening General Conference in Costa Rica. We met under the leadership of Chair Beth Ann Cook, elected a secretary, and gave two possible names for Chair to the Connectional Council. During this time, we worked to finalize the location of the 2026 General Conference, removing one possible site from consideration and adding another. We sent Commission members to Africa to scout and bring back a recommendation to the GCC and the Connectional Council. The Sandton Convention Center was our clear choice and was selected.

The GCC is to recommend and secure the General Conference site, to publicize the date and location, recommend the Rules of Organization, credential and set the number of delegates, and then do everything required to implement the General Conference. This is a monumental task requiring hundreds of helpers. I wish that I could thank all the Team members and volunteers that have worked to plan and implement the 2026 General Conference (GC 2026), but it is just not possible in this report. I encourage you to take some time throughout the conference to thank the many folks who are serving you in Johannesburg. They have all given their time and most are here at their own expense to help you and be a part of this historic gathering.

To complete our work, we divided our tasks into 14 Teams. Each Team was chaired by a member of the GCC. The Team Leads filled their Teams with GMC members from around the globe. This has truly been an international effort, and I pray it is a foretaste of what is to come as we grow as a Global Church. The majority of the GCC report is a summary of the work of the Teams.

COMMUNICATIONS TEAM

The Communications Team has been responsible for all communication efforts leading up to the General Conference. We have overseen and executed the messaging strategy, content development, branding alignment, internal and external communications, and coordination across multiple stakeholders and global audiences. Our work has focused on equipping delegates, leaders, and members of the Global Methodist Church with timely, accurate, and meaningful information while also helping to shape a unified and compelling narrative for this historic gathering. A special note of appreciation goes to Matt Cardano (Mega Manila) for his creativity in branding. His work has helped visually anchor the identity of this General Conference in a way that reflects both the global nature of our church and the spirit of this moment. Each member of our team has brought unique insight from their respective Annual Conferences and areas of expertise, helping us serve the denomination well. Executive Director of Communications Dianne Burnett served as Team Chair.

CREDENTIALING/REGISTRATION TEAM

The Credentialing/Registration Team has worked with the Legislative Team to set the number of delegates for General Conference and the Delegate Allocation. We ensure that all delegates, alternates, and reserves are fully credentialed. We create and purchase the nametags and are responsible for registering every participant in GC2026. We work with Delegation Heads to maintain

an accurate count and the temporary credentialling of alternates and reserves. We work with the Marshals to maintain the bar of the conference and overall security. We provide wristbands and color codes them for access. Carol Loeb served as Chair.

FINANCE TEAM

The Finance Team has overseen the financial planning and management of funds designated for General Conference. We developed and maintained a comprehensive budget for the event, aligning available resources with the Commission's vision and priorities. We met regularly to review income and expenses, recommending adjustments as needed. The team monitored spending to ensure all expenditures remained within the approved budget and followed established policies and procedures. The Finance Team also provided guidance on the financial impact of GCC decisions and promoted transparent and responsible use of resources. The Finance Team has also overseen the work of Sponsorship and Exhibitors. We have 22 exhibitors, including five Recommended Educational Institutions, three Approved Mission Partners, seven Public category participants and one African Partner. The remaining participants are major sponsors and GMC participants. We have raised \$134,000.00, excluding major sponsors. There will be an area in the back of the Ballroom for our sponsors and Exhibitors, who are helping to support the conference financially. Mack Parker has chaired this area with Bridget Kirk as the on-site manager. Molly Williams served as Finance Team Chair.

HOSPITALITY/VOLUNTEERS TEAM

The Hospitality/Volunteers Team put together a strategy for selecting volunteers, developed the volunteer application, reviewed volunteer applications, checked references and approved applicants, communicated with all applicants, and set the schedules for all volunteers. We will be present to greet you at the airport and to help with information and support throughout the week. We had over 300 applicants for 170 volunteer roles in Registration, Hospitality, Pages, Marshals, Prayer Team, Worship, Office Support, Assistant to the Secretary, Parliamentarians, Interpreters, Exhibitor Support, and Mission Experience Support.

Our team members included persons from Nigeria, and Western, Mid and Eastern United States. Stacy Taylor served as Team Chair

HOUSING AND LOGISTICS TEAM

The Housing and Logistics Team has worked with the Sandton Conventions Center to ensure that we have the space and equipment we need for a successful conference. We planned out room configurations, meals and break time refreshments. We have negotiated sufficient hotel space for our needs and have provided transportation to and from the airport with the Gautrain and buses. It is also our job to procure paper and printers, pens, nametags, and the countless other items needed for a successful conference. James Kawazda is the Housing and Logistics Team Chair. James is a resident of Zimbabwe and has made several trips into South Africa to support the work of the GCC.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS TEAM

The International Relations Team worked closely with South African Government Officials to facilitate travel and Visas to South Africa. They have worked with individuals and delegations with the goal that we would all be together in the Sandton Convention center to Holy Conference. The International Relations Team was chaired by Mbingeleli Diko (Elie) who is a native of South Africa and has helped our Commission in countless ways as our in-country representative.

LEGISLATIVE TEAM

The Legislative Team has worked to amend the Plan of Organization, to help order GC2026 including printing the Pre-Conference Workbook and Petitions Report, all daily conference publications, to select and train the Secretarial Staff, Pages and Parliamentarians. They created a timeline which included deadlines, assisted Credentialing in the delegate allocation process, helped to select the Administrative and Legislative Committees, perfected and managed the Petition process, and set the overall agenda for GC 2026. Lamar Alexander served as Petitions Team Chair. Norma Morrison served as Agenda Team Chair. General Conference Secretary Tom Lambrecht served as Legislative Team Chair.

MISSION EXPERIENCE TEAM

The Mission Experience Team has worked to create mission opportunities for GC2026. We have a diverse team made up of clergy and laity from South Africa, Zimbabwe, Liberia, Fiji, and America. This team is committed to GMC doctrine as the compassion of mission meets the good news of Jesus as evangelism happens in the communities surrounding Johannesburg at local GMC church sites. The ministry will consist of Spirit and Truth training, medical checks, prayer teams, hot meals, GMC information in community dialog settings, Vacation Bible School (Children's Bible Camp), and pastor/leadership training. The Mission Experience Team has been raising its own funds so if you would like to donate, information is on The GC 2026 website. Tim Beardsley served as Team Chair.

PRAYER TEAM

The Prayer Team has organized the Concert of Prayer for the Opening Worship. We have worked with the Prayer Network to undergird GC2026 in prayer, created prayer guides starting a full year out and culminating in the 40 Days of Prayer initiative and the 14 Day prayer guide. We have recruited 48 prayer volunteers to serve onsite, including staffing the Prayer Chapel and the Altar Ministry Team. We are developing a Prayer Etiquette Training, and we are praying for you and looking forward to praying with you in South Africa. Laura Ballinger served as Team Chair.

TRANSLATION/INTERPRETATION TEAM

The Translation/Interpretation Team has researched and contracted with a live speech language translation service for GC 2026. We chose KUDO to provide these services. KUDO was the most cost-effective team, and they provide the following benefits: they are user friendly, they include all GC official languages, including Kiswahili, and they have proven success with faith-based groups. We will have some on-site translation available to assist people throughout the conference. If you speak multiple languages we hope you will use your gift to help others in need. It is our goal to serve you and do all we can to keep language from being a barrier to your important work of Holy Conferencing. Bill Patrick served as Team Chair.

WORSHIP TEAM

The Worship Team has organized all aspects of worship for General Conference 2026. The subcommittee consists of individuals from the Philippines, Bulgaria, the United States, and Kenya with a larger group of consultants from Guatemala, Zimbabwe, South Africa, Korea, and more.

We will call people together each session with drums. We have planned daily worship gatherings, ensuring a multicultural/multilingual experience at the conference. Worship will include choir, orchestra, cultural elements from around the continent of Africa, communion each day, and global voices/expressions with a commitment to remaining rooted in our Wesleyan heritage.

We collaborated with the Assembly of Bishops, working with Bishop Greenway to set the preaching plan and to select preachers from around the world. We are bringing choirs and bands from Zimbabwe and South Africa and have planned a wonderful Africa night where we will celebrate together our first General Conference on the African Continent. We have collaborated with the GC prayer team on the concert of prayer, created a GC house band, chose global music, scheduled rehearsals and worked on technical aspects of worship. Tesia Mallory has served as Worship Chair with Assistant Tracy Winters.

CONFERENCE AND EVENT PROJECT MANAGER

The Conference and Event Project Manager is a staff position that has brought to us the experience and expertise to negotiate, plan, engage sponsors, and implement a conference as large as ours. Becci Wood has served in this role with distinction. This is Becci's report to GC 2026:

I am profoundly inspired by the remarkable dedication of those serving on the General Conference Commission. They have faithfully allowed the Spirit to work in and through them, guiding every step of the planning for GC26.

What began as a vision for 900 attendees has grown to over 1,300, all gathered to advance God's Kingdom through the mission of the Global Methodist Church. Our partners at the Sandton Convention Centre and the six hotels in the Sandton area have been exceptional collaborators, ensuring this complex event runs smoothly. GC26 has been, above all, an act of love—first for the Lord, then for the Global Methodist Church, and for all that God has yet in store for us!

I want to thank the GCC members whose names were not included above: Anthony McPhail and Beth Ann Cook—who have faithfully served in the role of Vice-Chair, Sterling Allen, Shalom Azabe, Mary Mano Blagojevich, Rhonda Bourgeois, Kilyobas Audu Chippau, Lyndsey Clark, Cesar Gaza, Joy Griffin, Tsvetan Iliev, Nicholas S. Munongo, Davies Musigo, Charles Michael Puno, and Jay Therrell.

On behalf of the GCC, I want to thank our support team. They have worked countless hours with us and behind the scenes to make this General Conference possible. Conference and Event Project Manager Becci Wood, Registration Concierge Ginger Barbie, General Conference Secretary Tom Lambrecht, Assistant General Conference Secretary Lamar Oliver, Assembly of Bishops Representative Jeff Greenway, Director of Communications Dianne Burnett, Bookkeeper Molly Williams, and Connectional Operations Officer Mike Schafer.

It has been an honor and a privilege to work with such exceptional leaders in the service of Christ and the Global Methodist Church. Please receive this report as a glimpse of the work of the General Conference Commission. I pray that our true report is a successful and Christ honoring 2026 General Conference in Johannesburg, South Africa.

Blessings,



Rev. Mike Grant

Chair | 2026 General Conference Commission



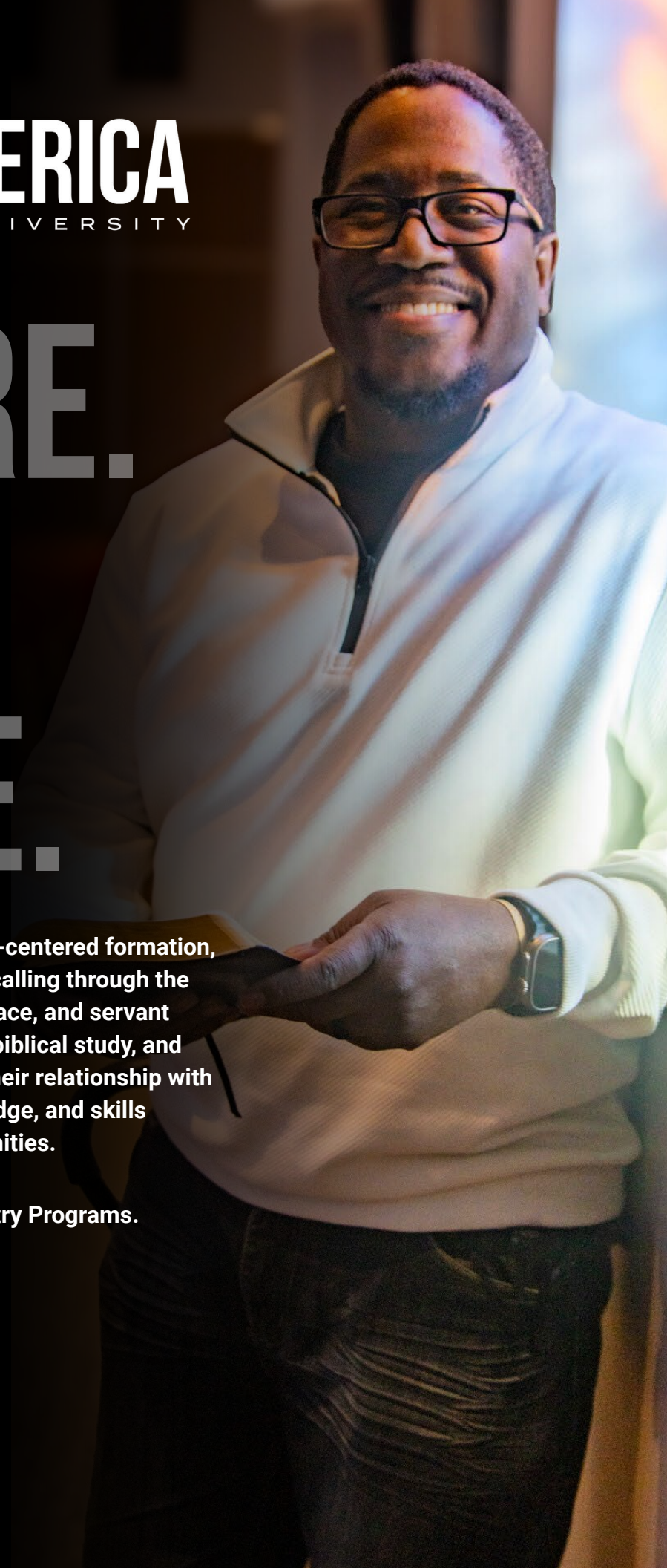
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Kingdom Advancement Commission

Update to General Conference

The Commission on Kingdom Advancement's mandate from the General Conference is to equip and "resource the local church, annual conferences, and the general church" to fulfill the mission of the Global Methodist Church to "make disciples of Jesus Christ and spread scriptural holiness across the globe."

The Kingdom Advancement Commission works in alignment with the General Conference, Assembly of Bishops, the Connectional Council, Annual Conferences, and the Global Operations Team to advance the kingdom of God in five specific areas: Church Multiplication (Planting), Evangelism, Missions Mobilization, Unreached People Groups, and Disaster Response.

The Commission is organized into three teams. Each team includes both Commission members plus over 100 laity and clergy from around the world. The three teams are Church Multiplication and Evangelism (Team Leaders: Max Wilkins and Steve Cordle), Mission Mobilization and Unreached People Groups (Team Leader: Sherri Tabaka-Morrissey), and Disaster Response (Team Leader: Linda Davis).

As the Global Methodist Church pursues our vision and mission, there is growing consensus around three priorities:

1. **Making Disciples who Make Disciples**
2. **A Multiplying Movement of Churches Planting Churches**
3. **A Global Gospel Movement that Creates and Increases the Number of Self-sustaining, Disciple-making, Multiplying Communities of Faith to the Fourth Generation or More**

In one part of the Lord's Prayer, Jesus taught us to pray, "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."

When we look at our world today, we can see despair, problems, challenges, sin and all manner of brokenness. But Jesus tells us that we can look to heaven and see the way God intends our world to be. In the Global Methodist Church, we are all working to see the Kingdom of God come fully on earth.

The following are some of the key initiatives and highlights of the work areas related to the Kingdom Advancement Commission.

CHURCH MULTIPLICATION AND EVANGELISM

In the area of Church Multiplication and Evangelism, new churches are being planted around the world every month. In just the last two years, hundreds of new churches have been planted across the globe with most intentionally focused on making disciples who make disciples. To remain a growing denomination, we must plant at least 3% new churches annually. Toward that goal, we are working to see at least 3700 new churches established worldwide over the next seven years.

Through collaborative efforts, the Kingdom Advancement Commission continues to develop strategic partnerships and training opportunities that equip leaders to reach people with the Gospel—resulting in baptisms, intentional discipleship, and the formation of new faith communities across our annual conferences and emerging areas.

At the same time, new initiatives are in development to further accelerate the pace of church multiplication, reinforcing our commitment to being a multiplying movement of churches planting churches and to making disciples who, in turn, make disciples.

MISSIONS MOBILIZATION AND UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS

In the area of Missions Mobilization and Unreached People Groups, the Global Methodist Church envisions that every local church will have a clear and compelling Acts 1:8 strategy to reach their “Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and the Ends of the Earth.” To equip local churches and annual conferences, the Kingdom Advancement Commission developed a two-day masterclass training event called “Engage: Pursuing Excellence in Global Methodist Missions.”

Engage training equips, connects and empowers local churches to effectively reach their local community, region, nation, and even other nations with the life-transforming power of the Gospel. The curriculum is now available in seven of the GMC’s major languages included English, French, Hausa, Kiswahili, Russian, Spanish, and Portuguese, with more languages scheduled to be added.

Over forty missional partners have been vetted and approved who have specific expertise to strengthen our regional and global outreach. As new partners are vetted, they are added to the approved list on the website.

Mission Leader Certification is also in development to serve both laity and clergy with specific training to increase the Global Methodist Church’s outreach.

We also envision that annual conferences and local churches are intentional and participating in God’s redemptive plan for reaching the world’s unreached people groups, where 3.42 billion of the world’s 8.08 billion people live with little to no access to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

GMC KINGDOM ADVANCEMENT PORTAL & MULTI-LANGUAGE ONLINE RESOURCE LIBRARY

The Global Methodist Church’s website includes a special online portal developed by the Kingdom Advancement Commission to provides resources and key information for church multiplication, evangelism, mission mobilization, unreached people groups, and disaster response. This has been a multi-year project, and it is a major achievement.

This web portal is also a central hub for connections between local churches and vetted mission partners, as well as providing direct access to a multi-language Resource Library. Additional pages, resources and functions are continually being developed, which includes collaboration with other Commission, particularly on subjects related to discipleship.

To explore the web portal and resource library, visit the following links.

- **Access and explore the website and its offerings**
<https://kingdomadvancement.globalmethodist.org/>
- **Contact Kingdom Advancement Commission**
<https://kingdomadvancement.globalmethodist.org/contact>
- **Resource Library**
<https://app.globalmethodist.world/search>
- **Contact with inquiries regarding Missional Partners**
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- **Learn about Mission Mobilization**
<https://kingdomadvancement.globalmethodist.org/missions-mobilization>
- **Missional Partnerships (FAQs)**
<https://kingdomadvancement.globalmethodist.org/mp-faqs>
- **Access the Missional Partnerships list**
https://app.globalmethodist.world/approved_mission_partners
- **Applying to become an Approved Missional Partner**
https://app.globalmethodist.world/users/sign_up

DISASTER RESPONSE

In the area of Disaster Response, Global Methodists around the world continue to provide a compassionate, proactive, and generous response to local and national disasters. Since our formation as a denomination, we have been serving vulnerable people who have been impacted by floods, hurricanes, war, oppression, disease, drought and other unpredicted crises.

The first line of response in a disaster is the local church and the annual conference. When the need is greater than the resources of an annual conference, then the Kingdom Advancement Commission works to provide grants from the general church.

In 2025, in addition to the funds raised and distributed by annual conferences, the GMC's Kingdom Advancement Commission provided a compassionate response to 15 disasters in Africa, the Caribbean and the USA. Additionally, thousands of volunteers were mobilized by annual conferences and churches to meet urgent needs.

Over the last two years, over \$1,700,000 dollars has been distributed in humanitarian relief grants that met urgent needs and restored hope to communities in times of disaster. These funds were a seed of hope that restored dignity, rekindled faith, and reaffirmed the Church's relevance in times of suffering. The relief efforts were not merely humanitarian gestures. They were acts of ministry, revealing the Kingdom of God in tangible form.

THE ABLAZE INITIATIVE

In 2026, the Global Methodist Church launched a three-year, multi-regional initiative called the ABLAZE Initiative that is designed to equip every local church in Global Methodism for disciple-making church multiplication, Acts 1:8 mission mobilization, and compassionate Gospel-centered response to disasters for vulnerable people.

The ABLAZE Initiative provides two-day masterclass training events, available to annual conferences upon request, in the three different areas: church planting training, Engage Mission Mobilization training, and disaster response training.

This training is being made available in all the major languages of the Global Methodist Church as we seek to be a denomination ablaze with the power of God and fulfilling our role in God's kingdom.

Conclusion

As the Global Methodist Church pursues our vision and mission, the Kingdom Advancement Commission is focused on resourcing annual conferences who resource local churches, resulting in baptisms, new churches being established, local churches living out an Acts 1:8 vision, reaching unreached people groups, and responding compassionately to disasters.

COMMISSION MEMBERS:

- Wes Griffin (Chair)
- Paul Lawler (Vice-Chair)
- Heather Carter-Young (Secretary)
- Steve Cordle
- Kabah Kasongo Mwenze
- Luciano Pereira da Silva
- Musa Danjuma Ulmar
- Mwenge Muyombe,
- Jeff Jernigan
- Yoonhee Kang
- Mariela Mihailova
- Fe Olonan
- Simon Mafunda
- Terry Vanderslice

Ministry and Higher Education Commission

REPORT TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

COMMISSION MEMBERS:

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- Dr. Debra T. Davis, Chair
- Bishop Kenneth Levingston

Lay Members

- Bridget Douglas, Secretary
- Diana Cabauatan
- Jane Finley
- Daniella Masangu Ngoy
- Reuben Ososo
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GMC Staff Liaison

- Teresa Marcus

Clergy Members

- Rev. Dr. Brian Ebel, Chair, Committee on Approval
- Rev. Dr. Dan Gildner
- Rev. Dr. Andrew Miller III
- Rev. Dr. Burt Palmer
- Rev. Margarita Todorova
- Rev. Dr. Leslie Tomlinson
- Rev. Bonface Wanyama

Purpose and Vision

The Ministry and Higher Education Commission (MHED) is charged with identifying, developing, and implementing standards for ordained and lay ministry throughout the Global Methodist Church. This work includes approving and certifying educational programs that prepare lay ministers, deacons, and elders for faithful and effective service.

Our mission is to promote doctrinal integrity, academic excellence, and global consistency in ministerial formation while also honoring the diverse contexts in which ministry occurs. Through partnerships with approved seminaries, educational institutions, and conference-based ministry programs, the Commission seeks to equip clergy and laity who are grounded in Scripture, shaped by Wesleyan theology, empowered by the Holy Spirit, and prepared to lead Christ's Church with faithfulness and excellence.



Major Accomplishments

AS OF MAY 1, 2026

Over the past eighteen months, the Commission has established foundational structures that will guide ministerial formation throughout the denomination for years to come.

CLERGY FORMATION AND EDUCATIONAL PATHWAYS

- Established three recognized pathways for clergy credentialing within the GMC:
 - Seminary Degree
 - Course of Study
 - GMC School of Ministry
- Developed comprehensive guidelines and standards for seminaries and institutions seeking partnership with the Global Methodist Church in the preparation of clergy candidates.
- Designed the framework for the GMC School of Ministry, outlining standards of excellence, accountability, accessibility, and theological integrity. Particular attention has been given to supporting regions where language barriers, technological limitations, or limited educational access present unique challenges.

SEMINARY AND INSTITUTIONAL APPROVALS

The Commission granted **full approval for six years** to the following partner institutions:

- Asbury Theological Seminary
- Oklahoma Wesleyan University
- Beeson Divinity School at Samford University
- Wesley Biblical Seminary
- Truett Theological Seminary at Baylor University
- West Africa Theological Seminary
- Mid-America Christian University (*Course of Study approval excluding the United States and Western Europe*)

The Commission granted **provisional approval for three years** to:

- Ashland Theological Seminary
- Wesley Seminary at Indiana Wesleyan University

The Commission also granted **temporary approval** to:

- United Theological Seminary, pending completion of the formal approval process, scheduled to begin by July 31, 2026.

In addition, several other seminaries and institutions have entered the approval process, with reviews expected to conclude by the fourth quarter of 2026.

LAY MINISTRY DEVELOPMENT

- Established standards and guidelines for the certification of lay ministry programs throughout the GMC, affirming the vital role of the laity in the mission of the Church and reinforcing that holiness in ministry extends beyond ordained leadership.
- Created a certification process for lay ministry programs modeled after the institutional approval system for clergy education, ensuring consistent standards of theological soundness and ministry readiness.

The following annual conference lay ministry programs have been designated as GMC-certified:

- Allegheny West
- South Carolina
- Trinity

We will list additional certified programs on the Commission webpage as approvals continue.

MINISTERIAL TRAINING FUND

At the request of the Connectional Council, the Commission established policies, guidelines, standards, and reporting procedures for recipients of educational assistance through the Ministerial Training Fund.

In 2026, \$1,000,000 will be distributed to clergy candidates enrolled in GMC-approved institutions. These funds will help remove financial barriers and expand opportunities for individuals responding faithfully to God's call to ministry.

COLLABORATION AND SUPPORT

- Maintained ongoing collaboration and communication with other commissions and councils throughout the denomination.
- Received valuable guidance from the Board of Ministry Cohort regarding ways to strengthen support for the annual conference Boards of Ministry in their evaluative and formative responsibilities of clergy.
- Provided continued support to the Ecclesiastical Endorsing Board and its director.
- Contributed content and updates for the Commission webpage.

LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS TO GENERAL CONFERENCE 2026

The Commission has submitted legislation to:

- Clarify the role, responsibilities, and membership of the MHED Commission
- Strengthen and define educational standards for clergy and lay ministry
- Transition the Ministerial Training Fund from a loan program to a grant and scholarship model

Plans for the Remainder of 2026

The Ministry and Higher Education Commission will continue its work by:

- Reviewing applications from seminaries and institutions seeking GMC partnership and approval
- Evaluating additional lay ministry certification programs pursuing GMC certification
- Expanding and updating content on the Commission webpage
- Preparing a comprehensive transition process from the 2025–2026 Commission to the 2027–2033 Commission to ensure continuity, refinement, and ongoing development of the Commission's work

Reflection on Our Work as a Commission

As the Ministry and Higher Education Commission has carried out its responsibilities over the past eighteen months, we have witnessed the gracious work of the Holy Spirit guiding our efforts. Throughout this process, it became increasingly clear that our commitment to Christ shaped not only what we accomplished but also how we accomplished it.

The beauty of holiness has been evident in the spirit of our work — expressed through integrity, prayerful discernment, thoughtful dialogue, and a shared commitment to building structures that honor Christ and strengthen the Global Methodist Church for generations to come.

We give thanks for the faithful service of every MHED Commission member and for the opportunity to help prepare clergy and laity who will proclaim the Gospel, make disciples, and lead the Church in holiness and truth around the world.

To learn more about the work of the Ministry and Higher Education Commission, please visit: [Global Methodist Church Ministry and Higher Education Commission](#)



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Connectional Council On Appeals

REPORT ON ACTIVITIES SINCE GENERAL CONFERENCE 2024

The Connectional Council on Appeals (COA) has spent much of this two-year term laying the groundwork for the Council. We began with seven members and seven alternates, but due to three clergy resignations, we now have four clergy members, one clergy alternate, three lay members, and three lay alternates. The COA held all its meetings before the 2026 General Conference via Zoom.

After the election pursuant to Paragraph 921.1 of the Book of Doctrines and Discipline (BDD), Dr. Zawdie (Doc) Abiade has served as President; Jimmy Towson served as Vice President until he resigned from the COA to take on new roles in his home Conference, and Richard Jones was elected as his successor; and Vicky Johnson has served as Secretary.

The Council has spent much of its time during this two-year term setting the groundwork for the operation of the COA. The Council's operations are governed by Part Nine of the (BDD) and the Judicial Practice and Procedure Document (JPP), which were adopted at the 2024 General Conference. These documents were patterned after those of the United Methodist Church in the Transitional Book of Doctrines and Discipline, and due to the guidance given to the Judicial Legislative Committee for its work in 2024, they remained unchanged during the two-year term from 2024 to 2026.

Much time was spent by the COA during its initial two years developing its internal Rules of Practice as allowed by the BDD Paragraph 921.1, developing a set of forms to be used by those wishing to bring matters before the COA, and reviewing the BOD and JPP for ways to simplify and streamline the processes for submission of matters to the COA for consideration. All this work will be published on the website prior to General Conference 2026.

The COA has been focused, during this work, on developing processes and procedures that keep policymaking in the hands of the General Conference and the first-line handling of complaints in the hands of those to whom that authority is given in the BDD. We worked very hard to keep the COA's role limited to the narrowly drawn purposes defined for it in the BDD.

The Judicial Legislative Committee formed an ad hoc committee after General Conference 2024 to streamline and combine Part Nine of the BDD and the JPP into a petition for consideration by the General Conference 2026. The COA reviewed their proposal, considering the requests that the COA received during their work since 2024, and provided input to the ad hoc committee.

The goal of both the ad hoc committee and the COA was to simplify language, place content all together so that both lay and clergy members seeking to use the judicial processes could find and understand how to proceed without searching in so many places, and to remove any inconsistencies in content.

Another area that the COA has spent time on during this initial term is training on the need for and methods to maintain impartiality. This was necessitated by the tendency of people and groups to contact the COA as a body or its members individually, seeking advice on matters that are not yet ripe for consideration by

the COA. We have the role of an appellate body in the complaint resolution process; thus, we cannot become involved in complaints before they have completed the complaint processes that are set out in the BDD to be completed at the local, conference, or GMC Council or Commission levels.

The COA is working on some informational pieces for sharing broadly throughout the denomination. These are aimed at encouraging dispute resolution occurring at the lowest level possible, preferably person to person, where possible. With these pieces, we hope to help everyone to understand the role set out for the COA in the BDD and how to request engagement by the COA in matters that they wish to raise for COA consideration.

The COA has received several requests over these first two years asking us for opinions on questions concerning clergy qualifications for transfer into the GMC, opinions on whether local church leadership is properly handling matters before them, and a question on contact between a COA member and a person who could have been involved in the complaint process. In each of these instances, the matters presented were not ripe for consideration by the COA because administrative processes had not been completed; the COA had no authority to provide the requested remedy; or, in one case, the requesting party withdrew their request.

The COA has one matter currently pending in which a declaratory decision has been requested concerning the authority of a church body to take a specific action. The docketing statement for that matter will be published, and a briefing schedule will be set prior to General Conference 2026. If oral argument is requested by any interested parties, that will also be set.

In all things, we have endeavored to give respectful and discerning consideration to all matters brought to us. On matters for which we were not able to provide guidance because they were outside the scope of our authority or not yet ripe for consideration by the COA, we provided as much explanation as the BDD and JPP allow on why we were not able to offer an opinion and pointed the requesting parties to the provisions of the BDD that were authoritative on the matters.

Whether we were able to offer an opinion or resolution on a matter or not, we were always in prayer for the people and situations that were the subject of the matters placed before us. Additionally, as we worked to develop a framework for the COA's work going forward, all our discussions and deliberations were bathed in prayer.

COMMISSION MEMBERS

Clergy Members

- Zawdie “Doc” Abiade (Great Lakes) – President
- Rich Jones (West Plains) – Vice-President
- Rurel Ausley (Alabama Emerald Coast)
- Steven Bell (Trinity)
- Karen Riggelman Handy (Northeast) – Alternate

Lay Members

- Ron Enns (West Plains)
- Vicky Johnson (Trinity) – Secretary
- Gideon Salatan (Covenant Philippines)
- Chris Steiner (Allegheny West) – Alternate
- Jim Keller (Trinity) – Alternate
- Sid Strebeck (West Plains) – Alternate

LOGISTICAL Information



Credentialing and Registration Information

The Credentialing/Registration Team looks forward to welcoming you to South Africa for the General Conference. Upon arrival in Johannesburg, all participants must check in at the Sandton Convention Center to receive their official conference credentials.

At check-in, you will be issued a commemorative badge, lanyard, and a colored wristband. To receive these, you must present a valid passport or South African ID. Your badge will grant access to shuttle buses, General Conference sessions, and off-site mission experiences. It will display your name, position, and sponsoring conference or group. Although many attendees hold multiple roles, only one title—typically the most relevant, such as “delegate”—will be listed.

A security wristband will be attached at registration and must be worn throughout the entire conference. Entry to all events and secured areas requires both your badge and wristband, and marshals will check for them. Wristband color determines access level. If either item is lost, you must return to the Credentialing desk to re-register.

To avoid delays, participants are strongly encouraged to check in before the morning of August 30. Registration will take place in the foyer of the Sandton Convention Center. Early registration will be available late afternoon on August 27 for volunteers and leadership teams with pre-conference meetings. General check-in begins at 10:00 AM on Friday, August 28, and continues until 9:00 PM. Registration hours are 8:00 AM to 9:00 PM on August 29 and 30. Beginning September 1, hours will be 7:30 AM to 10:00 AM daily, with additional assistance available at the hospitality desk. Registration will close 10 minutes prior to each worship service, including opening worship.

Once the conference begins on August 30, a Credentialing table will be available in the main conference area for assistance with seating alternates, and other concerns. Delegates and alternates will have access to the conference bar area, though alternates should only be present when actively substituting for a delegate. Delegation Heads will coordinate substitutions following established procedures.

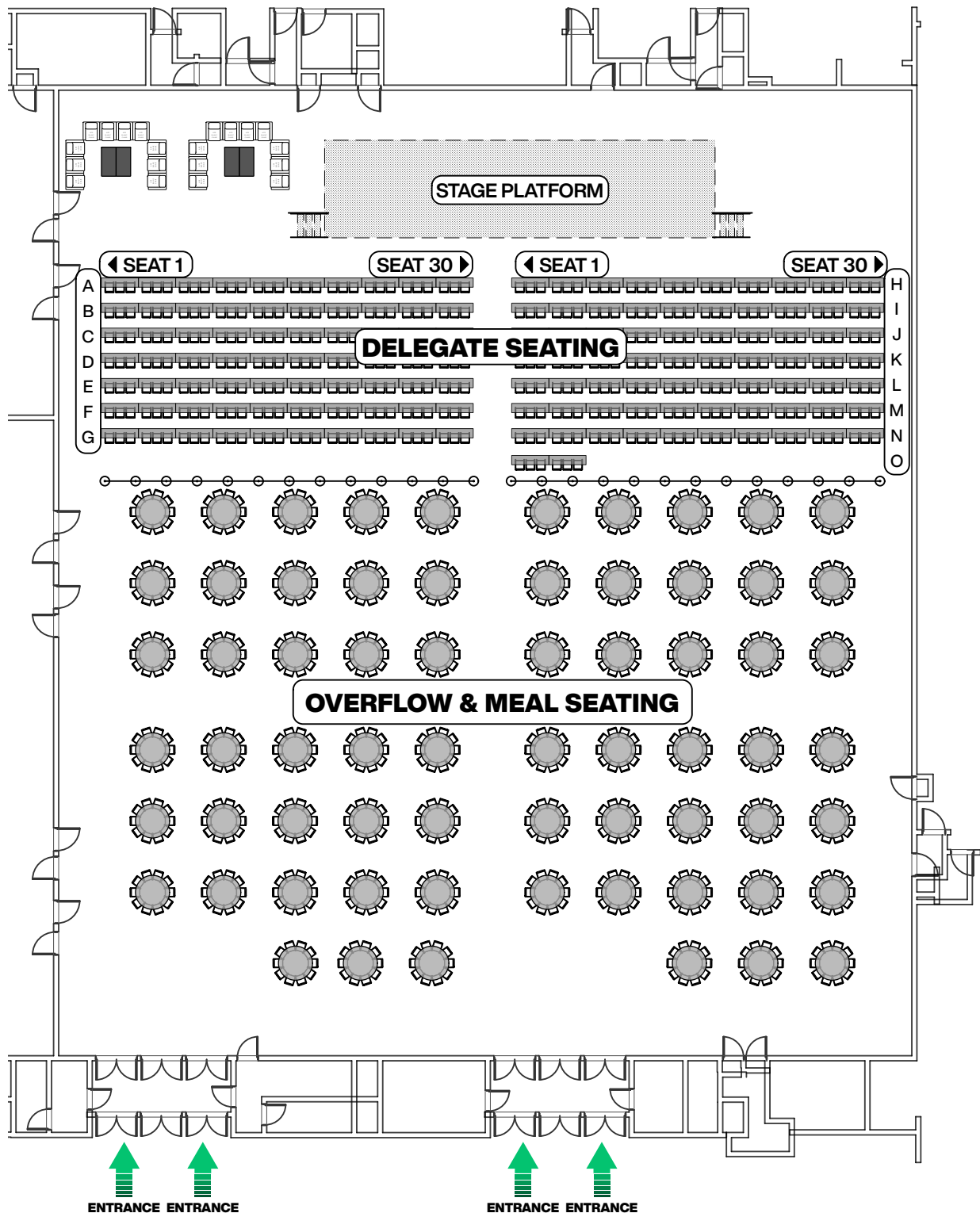
Special gratitude is expressed to the dedicated Registration team who have committed 2 years of their time and resources to support this effort. And a special thank you to the many volunteers who are coming to Johannesburg to serve you. The team is here to assist and ensure a smooth and meaningful experience for you all.

- Carol Loeb, Registration & Credentials Team Lead
- Sarah Carter, On Site Registration Lead
- Lisa Beavers, On site Credentialing Lead
- Rhonda Bourgeois, Registration & Credentialing Formula
- Nathan Douglass, Head Marshal
- Rev. Cesar Garza, Team Member
- Rev. Joy Griffin, Team Member
- Vivian Kinnear, Line Coordination
- Jon Lannon, Team Member
- Jeff Moore, Wrist Bank Coordination
- Rev. Tim Turner, Team Member

A special thank you to Rev Mike Grant, Becci Wood and Rev. Tom Lambrecht for your guidance and support.

Plans and Instructions for Seating

BALLROOM 1/70 - PLENARY AREA



GENERAL CONFERENCE SEATING ASSIGNMENTS

See the diagram on the preceding page

Annual Conference Seat

Afrika Makarishi	K19-21, L19-21
Alabama Emerald Coast	B17-28
Allegheny West	H13-22, I13-22, J9-18
Bulgaria	D10-11
Central African Republic	B29-30
Central Europe	B1-2
Central Nigeria	C18-23
Central Russia	B5-6
Costa Rica	O1-3
Covenant Philippines	I23-24
Democratic Republic of Congo	M1-11, N1-11
East Russia-Central Asia	B7-8
Ethiopia Nazrawiyan	D22-27
Florida	A21-30
Grain Coast	C10-17
Great Lakes	K22-30, L22-30
Heartland	M12-17, N12-17
India	C1-9, D1-9
Kenya	H7-12, I7-12
Korean-American	G13-16
Korean Methodist Church	O4-6
Malawi	F1-2
Mega Manila Philippines	G27-30
Mexico	J1-2
Mid-South	E10-17, F10-17
Mid-Texas	I25-30, J19-30

Annual Conference Seat

Mississippi-Western Tennessee	E3-9, F3-9
North Alabama	H1-6, I1-6
North Carolina	K1-12, L1-12
North Georgia	C24-30, D28-30
Northeast	D12-21
Northeast Nigeria	A1-8
Northern Nigeria	G17-24
Northwest Russia-Belarus	B9-10
Oasis	B3-4
Panama	J3-4
Peru	J5-6
South Africa	K13-16
South Carolina	H23-30
South Georgia	M25-30, N25-30
South Russia	B11-12
Southern Nigeria	M18-24, N18-24
Tanzania	E1-2
Thailand	G25-26
Trinity	E18-30, F18-30
Uganda	A19-20
Upper Midwest	A9-18
Venezuela	J7-8
Virginia	B13-16
West Plains	G1-10
Western States	G11-12
Zambia	K17-18
Zimbabwe	L13-18

Delegates are asked to sit in their assigned seats at all times. Alternates, reserves, and observers may use the overflow seating. For help finding your seat, please ask one of the pages.

When an alternate needs to be seated, the delegate, alternate, and delegation head should approach the credentials table at the back of the delegate seating to exchange credentials and voting device as directed.



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RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TRAVELING TO SOUTH AFRICA

Joining us in Johannesburg for the General Conference? Here are some recommendations to help you prepare for your travels and your time in this beautiful country.

GC26 APP for Mobile Devices

An App with everything you need to know about General Conference 2026 will be available for you to download in early August. All attendees will be emailed information about how to download and best use this communication tool during GC26.

In the event app you will find: General Conference agenda, map of the Sandton Convention Center, announcements pertaining to General Conference and much more!

DIRECTIONS TO DOWNLOAD THE APP:

(requires iOS 17 and higher or Android 13 and higher)

1. Download the Cvent Event App from your app store
2. Search for **“Global Methodist General Conference 2026”**
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Attire

- Business casual attire is appropriate for conference activities.
- During the special “Celebration of Africa” evening, attendees are warmly encouraged to wear African attire if they would like or dress with an African flair (bright colors and patterns).
- Dressing in layers is recommended, as indoor venues may be kept warmer during the winter season.

Communication

- **International Calling Plans:** Check with your carrier for information. An international calling plan may be necessary to purchase. If a local SIM is needed, you may purchase a South African SIM card at the OR Tambo International Airport. Put your phone on airplane mode if you wish to avoid charges, just know you will be cut off from cell networks. You can connect to the airport Free Wi-Fi.
- Downloading and using the **What’s App** app will be a convenient way to communicate.

Dining & Tipping

Tipping is customary:

- **Sit-down restaurants:** 10–15%
- **Hotel staff and drivers:** small gratuities are appreciated
- For those whose expenses are covered by the GMC, including ALL delegates and alternates, the GMC payment will include tips for breakfast and hotel workers.
- Please be generous and gracious toward those serving during GC26. Our desire is that every interaction reflects the love and kindness of Christ, leaving others with the impression: *“They must have been with Jesus.”*

Electrical Information

Electrical Plugs in Johannesburg:

- **Voltage:** 230 V (50 Hz).
- **Primary Socket Type:** Type M (three large, round pins in a triangle).
- **Secondary/Adapter Types:** Type C (2-pin) and Type N (3-pin)



Depending on where you live, you may need to get an adaptor for any electrical devices.

Emergency Plans

There will be a GC26 Welcome booth at the airport staffed with volunteers from local churches. There will also be volunteers wearing yellow vests in the airport to welcome you. There is an Information desk on-site at the Sandton Convention Center staffed with volunteers wearing yellow vests and roaming throughout the Sandton. These volunteers will have access to hotel information, emergency phone numbers, and will be trained to assist you with any questions you may have.

Security

There will be multiple security staff every day during the conference. They will float around the convention center, making sure everything is okay. They can offer basic assistance to attendees such as giving directions. They can also step in if a violent situation arises, as well as contact the police as needed. Sandton Police will patrol the area around the convention center. While you are in a very safe area, we still recommend that no one walk around outside alone at any time.

Finance

- **ATMs:** ATMs are available in cities and towns. Look for machines connected to international networks such as Cirrus, Plus, and MasterCard. Banks and ATMs are located across the road in the mall.
- **Credit Cards:** Major credit cards (Visa, MasterCard, American Express) are widely accepted at hotels, restaurants, and larger stores. Check with your bank and ask them about their international rules. Small vendors may only accept cash. We also recommend bringing a small amount of cash for tipping.
- **Currency:** The official currency is the ZAR (South African Rand). It's a good idea to have some local currency for small purchases. We recommend securing this through an ATM once in country. Visit the currency converter website.
- During the Celebration of Africa Night, a marketplace with local wares will be available. Vendors will accept the ZAR (South African Rand) or USD (United States dollars). No credit cards will be accepted.

Greetings & Courtesy specifically for South Africa

- A handshake, eye contact, and a nod are common greetings.
- It is polite to greet people before asking questions or beginning conversation.
- Common courtesy in expressing "please" and "thank you" is highly valued.

Health

- **Accessibility:** For travelers with accessibility issues, it's recommended to bring your own wheelchair to ensure availability and comfort during your trip.
- **Digestive Health:** Consider obtaining an over-the-counter or prescription antibiotic to address any potential stomach issues that may arise during your trip.
- **Drinking Water:** Water provided in your hotels and at the Sandton Convention Center is safe to drink. As a personal preference, you can always choose to buy bottled water.
- **Emergency Number:** Emergency numbers in South Africa are 10177 / 112. Both numbers take you straight to emergency services.
- **Hospital:** Hospitals in Sandton are listed below, and they are all around 10km (approx. 6 miles) radius to the convention center:
 - Mediclinic Sandton Hospital, contact number: 0861100444,
 - Mediclinic Morningside Hospital, contact number: 0861005555
 - Netcare Sunninghill Hospital, contact number: 0118061500

- **Medications:** Bring a sufficient supply of your medications. Carry prescription medications in their original packaging and if possible, with your doctor's prescription.
- **Medical Personnel:** The Sandton Convention Center is staffed to treat a range of issues from first aid to more serious conditions on-site. Should there be a need for someone to be transported to a local hospital, we are currently working with our physician contact:
 - Dr. Bright Ntimbane
 - Contact number: +27 78 220 8494
 - Email address: ntimbanebright@outlook.com
- **Pharmacy:** Closest pharmacies are both located in the Sandton City Shopping Center connected to the Sandton Convention Center:
 - Clicks Pharmacy: +27 11 883 5028
 - Dis-Che: +27 10 612 0481
- **Vaccinations:** It's recommended to be up to date on routine vaccines before traveling. Additional vaccinations may be advised. Check the latest guidelines for traveling to Johannesburg, South Africa, especially required vaccines if visiting another country prior to your travel into Johannesburg.

Hotels

- Radisson Blu Gautrain Hotel (~2 min walk): +27 11 286 1000
- DaVinci (~5–8 min walk): +27 11 292 7000
- Sandton Sun (~5–8 min walk): +27 11 780 5000
- Sandton Towers (~5–8 min walk): +27 11 780 5000
- Garden Court (~5–8 min walk): +27 11 269 7000
- Protea Balalaika (~10–12 min walk): +27 11 322 5000

Language

English is widely spoken in hotels, restaurants, transportation, and conference venues. If assistance is needed with interpretation or translation, please see a member of the volunteer team wearing bright yellow vests, and they will gladly assist you.

KUDO:

Since delegates will be speaking multiple languages on the floor of the General Conference, interpretation through KUDO AI will be available during Legislative Committee meetings and plenary sessions. Please bring your mobile device, along with earbuds/headphones and possibly a portable charger, for the best multilingual experience. It is recommended that you download the app for your device here: <https://kudo.ai/download-center/>.



Livestream Access

For those who are unable to join us in person, livestreaming of the 2026 General Conference will be available on the YouTube channel of the Global Methodist Church. The livestream will also be broadcast on-site in the Bill Gallagher Room for any who want or need a break from the main hall.

We invite you to be part of this sacred gathering from wherever you are by tuning in, praying alongside us, and following the work of the Conference in real time.

Watch here: <https://youtube.com/@globalmethodistchurch>

Meals

Breakfasts will be provided at each hotel. Lunch is provided at the Sandton Convention Center for delegates, alternates, bishops, volunteers, GMC staff, members of the General Conference Commission, and invited guests. Dinners are provided at the Sandton Convention Center for delegates, alternates, bishops, volunteers, GMC staff, members of the General Conference Commission, and invited guests **on Sunday and Monday**. Wednesday night's Celebration of Africa is open to all. The above are covered by the meal plan, as noted in the schedule.

Dinners on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday are on your own. There is a shopping plaza attached to the Sandton with food opportunities, as well as restaurants in each of the hotels.

- The restaurant listing for the Nelson Mandela Square may be found here: <https://nelsonmandelasquare.co.za/search-restaurants/>
- The restaurant listing for the Sandton City Mall may be found here: <https://sandtoncity.com/search-restaurants/>

Personal Safety

- United States State Department STEP Program: We recommend enrolling in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) to receive important safety updates from the Embassy about conditions in Johannesburg. Other countries may have an equivalent way for governments to communicate with their citizens in case of an emergency.
- Like many major cities, visitors should remain aware of their surroundings.
- Avoid displaying expensive jewelry or carrying large amounts of cash.
- Keep phones, wallets, and cash secure in front pockets or a front-facing cross-body bag.
- Avoid walking alone outside, especially at night.

Shopping

- **Groceries:** Checkers Hyper Sandton, located inside the Sandton City Shopping Center
- **Souvenirs:** A marketplace with local artisans will be set up in the Sandton Convention Center during the Wednesday night Celebration of Africa.
- Two malls are located within walking distance of the Sandton Convention Center.

Time & Meetings

- Conference sessions will begin on time, so arriving 10–15 minutes early is appreciated. A complete agenda is available on the App or in your Pre-Conference Workbook.
- Doors will open 30 minutes prior to scheduled sessions. Please do not attempt to enter meeting areas before doors officially open.

Transportation

- The **Gautrain** will be used to travel *from the airport to the Sandton Convention Center*, as well as the *return trip back to the airport after the conference*. **Please be sure to keep your ticket for the return trip!** Most hotels are within walking distance of the Gautrain Station at the Sandton Convention Center.
- Ride-share services such as Uber and Bolt are widely available and recommended. Please be sure to download the Uber or Bolt app.
- Only Uber and Bolt are recommended from the Sandton. Taxis with the Yellow Taxi signs are not recommended. At the Airport please use only the Gautrain or shuttles as directed by GMC Marshals.
- Hotel shuttle services are available within the Sandton area and may be arranged through your hotel.
- Transportation will be provided for those involved in the Mission Experience. A schedule will be available separately.
- Should there be a need for transportation assistance, please contact James via What's App at +263 77 355 5377.
- Please ask Mall Security, Police, and Hotel Staff for General Directions.

Travel Insurance

We highly recommend getting travel insurance (where available) to cover unexpected medical expenses, trip cancellations, and other potential issues. Persons traveling from the United States should consider comprehensive travel insurance, while international travelers should consult their local providers for suitable options.

Weather

It will be winter during GC26 in Johannesburg. Outdoor temperatures typically range from 66–75°F (19–24°C) during the day, while evenings and early mornings can be much cooler at 40–50°F (4–10°C).

Final Thought

South Africans are known for their hospitality and friendliness. We encourage you to enjoy the culture, meet new people, and experience all that Sandton and the surrounding area have to offer during your time at the conference, as your schedule allows.

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Consecration Prayer Times and Other Prayer Opportunities at GC 2026

Founder of Methodism John Wesley said: *“God does nothing but in answer to prayer.”*

Acknowledging this foundational core value, the Prayer Team of General Conference 2026 has scheduled regular times of Consecration Prayer for all Conference attendees. These Consecration Prayer times are especially intended for, but not limited to, all leaders, platform speakers, presenters and worship leaders. Everyone is welcome and invited to participate in this sacred activity of spiritual preparation for our times together in ministry and community.

It is the Prayer Team’s hope and goal to seek the Lord in prayer to empower Conference speakers, presenters, leaders, and attendees before serving, presenting, or conducting the business of the church and especially before up-front ministry on the platform as well as to prepare for our times in community.

You will find the times and locations for Consecration Prayer listed on the daily schedule. Non-scheduled times are also available by request.

We invite delegates and other leaders to set an example by making every effort to participate in these times of Consecration Prayer as a kind of acknowledgment of your dependence on the Lord for cleansing and empowerment as well as hope of receiving what the Lord may desire to impart to you in preparation for your acts of service and worship in community.

In addition, the Prayer Team of General Conference is offering a sacred space whenever the Conference is in session where attendees are encouraged to visit and encounter the Presence of God through prayer. This designated “Prayer Room” is in Board Room 4 of the Conference venue. All Conference attendees are encouraged to visit the Prayer Room and linger in the Presence of the Lord and/or receive personal prayer by trained, and equipped prayer ministers.

Also, the onsite Prayer Team and Altar Prayer Ministers are prepared to offer personal prayer ministry throughout the Conference and especially after worship experiences, when Conference participants may feel led to respond to the Lord by receiving personal prayer.

Methodist Scholar Kevin Watson in writing on the early Methodist movement says, John Wesley “witnessed the beginnings of the Methodist movement, where the Holy Spirit moved in powerful, surprising and at times, even indescribable ways.”

Let’s trust the Lord again together for His powerful, surprising, and even indescribable ways at General Conference 2026 of the Global Methodist Church.

Laura Ballinger, Coordinator
on behalf of Prayer Team of General Conference
Prayer Network of the Global Methodist Church.

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14-Day Prayer Guide

AUGUST 24TH – SEPTEMBER 6TH

John Wesley is often quoted as saying that “God does nothing but in answer to believing prayer.” How crucial and vital it is, then, for us to lay a strong foundation of prayer cover during the Global Methodist Church’s General Conference. What a historic and significant gathering this will be as GMC church leaders from all over the globe come together in Johannesburg, South Africa. How we need the Holy Spirit to empower and lead all who attend. Yet, according to Wesley, it all begins with prayer.

Therefore, we have prepared this 14-day Prayer Guide to encourage you to pray and to help you focus your prayers. It is our prayer that the Spirit will use this guide, along with the daily scriptures for each day, to inspire you to pray and to direct you when you are not sure how to pray. You are encouraged to read the scriptures from your preferred translation, and the adjoining prayers, out loud, if possible. We are confident that this will allow the Holy Spirit to direct you further as you join others from around the globe in praying for the 2026 General Conference.

— *Dr. Stephen Seamands on behalf of the GM Church Prayer Network*

Acknowledgements: *Special thanks to the prayer committee of the Commission on General Conference for their prayers submitted here as well as ongoing prayer support and contributions to General Conference 2026.*

August 24th — Deuteronomy 31:8

Dear God, we are reminded that You are Lord of all the earth and everything that is in it. You calm the raging seas and settle the rushing winds. With this in mind, we invite You into all the ways that people will be travelling to Johannesburg, South Africa. We lift up every step, bike, car, train, bus, and airplane carrying volunteers, delegates, and GMC Leadership; may everyone’s travel plans go smoothly. We also invite Your Spirit into every space that will be used during the General Conference to guide and protect everyone attending. We need Your presence to unify us under One name, the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, so our fellowship can be joyful, and our time will be productive according to Your will. We invite You into every worship service, every discussion, every mealtime, and every mission opportunity. We trust these words of Deuteronomy and give thanks that You go before us in all this and more. We pray this in Your name, Jesus, and we love You, amen.

— *Dr. Terry Teykl, Member of the Prayer Committee to GC Commission (USA)*



August 25th — Joshua 1:9

Heavenly Father, thank You for the opportunity for the Global Methodist Church to explore Your creation in Johannesburg this year. We ask that the journey there and back be filled with joy, laughter, and meaningful moments.

As written in Joshua 1:9, *“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.”*

Lord, when fear or worry begins to creep in, replace it with Your perfect peace. Remind us that You are already preparing the way, and that Your angels surround us like a shield.

Help us to be fully present and cherish each new sight and sound, and to find beauty in every waking hour. May Your joy be our strength. Guide the hands of those in control, protect us from accidents or harm, and bring us safely to our destination with a grateful heart.

Remind us that we are not traveling alone. You are with us during every turn. You are with us in every waiting period. If something unexpected happens, help us to trust that you are still in control.

Help us to refrain from rushing through this trip so much that we miss what you have planned for us along the way. A quiet moment, a stranger who needs kindness, the simple joy of seeing more of this world you created for us to discover. Whatever it is, don't let us miss it.

Thank you for always watching over us. Thank you for always going before us. We release our worries into your hands, and we ask for a safe and peaceful journey in your name.

We pray all these things in Jesus name, amen.

— Ms Anita Quinn, Great Lakes Conference

August 26th — Malachi 1:10

Father God, place Your hand upon everyone travelling and bring them safely to Johannesburg. Give us patience with any delays or changes so we react in a Christlike manner.

We pray that there is no reason now, or in the future of the Global Methodist Church, for You to speak these words from Malachi over our churches! Forgive us for any way that we have come prepared to make this about us or our agenda and desires. We surrender the next 11 days back into Your hands. Your will, Your glory, and Your Kingdom, so we can be unified across borders and cultures under the Lordship of Jesus Christ. We ask that You cleanse us whiter than snow and break our hearts for what breaks Yours.

May our prayers, worship, and holy conferencing be a pleasing aroma to Your senses, O Lord our God. As Your Spirit makes us aware of what is required of us, and as we come into Your presence during this global gathering, allow Your forgiveness and mercy to be just as swift as the conviction You place upon our hearts and minds. Make us one Body of Christ across every nation just as You did in Costa Rica; do it again, Lord, do it again. For Your glory and our good we willingly say, “Less of us and more of You, Lord”. We cannot do this by ourselves, but we wholeheartedly seek an abundant outpouring of Your Spirit upon us, and we pray all this in Jesus’ mighty name, amen.

— Rev Susan Innes, Heartland Conference

August 27th — John 20:21 & 22

Father, in the Name of Jesus Christ, I thank you for your love and grace. I thank you for the privilege that you've given us to stand before you to intercede and cry out to you on behalf of your Church, the Global Methodist Church. As your Word declares in the gospel of John 20:21–22 *“Again Jesus said, ‘Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.’ And with that he breathed on them and said, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit.’”* I pray for all your servants that you have chosen from all the four corners of the world to participate physically in the General Conference 2026 of the Global Methodist Church in Johannesburg, South Africa. Grant them protection against all evil work of the enemy whether sickness or accidents from their coming and going back. May you please breathe on them with the Spirit of divine wisdom, understanding, and strength to fulfill your perfect will and mission for the work of the ministry that you have given to the Church in this end time in the Mighty Name of Jesus Christ I pray. Amen. Thank you, Lord.

— Mr Ilunga Narcisse Kyakutala, Member of the Prayer Committee to GC Commission (DRC)

August 28th — Acts 2:2–4

Almighty God, on the day of Pentecost, You sent a mighty rushing wind from heaven and tongues of fire rested upon Your people. They were filled with the Holy Spirit and empowered to speak with boldness, wisdom, and unity.

God, as we embark on the 2026 General Conference, we ask for that same Spirit to fill our Bishops, leaders, and delegates anew. Lord, for all the meetings and sessions of each Commission and Board, let Your Spirit guide our conversations. May our words be seasoned with grace, our thoughts aligned with truth, and our discussions and decisions shaped by Your wisdom. Where there is confusion, bring clarity. Where there is division, bring unity. Where there is hesitation, bring courage. May every meeting we attend be marked by Your presence, so that the outcomes bring glory to You and blessing to others. And Father, as we set out on journeys near and far, we entrust our travels into Your hands. Go before us to prepare the way, walk beside us to keep us company, and remain behind us to guard our steps. Protect us from harm, danger, and delay. Grant us peace in the waiting, patience in the moving, and joy in the arriving. May our travels not only be safe but also purposeful, opening doors for us to be witnesses of Your love wherever we go.

Holy Spirit, just as You enabled the disciples to speak in many tongues, enable us to communicate across cultures, backgrounds, and differences with understanding and compassion. Let our presence in meetings and on journeys be a testimony of Your light and holiness. Fill us with the fire of Your Spirit so that we may carry Your presence into every place we enter. We thank You, Lord, for being our constant companion in both gathering and going. May our meetings be fruitful, our travels be safe, and our lives be a reflection of Your Spirit's power. In the name of Jesus Christ, who sends us forth in love, Amen.

— Rev David Sablan, Mega Manila Conference

August 29th — 1 Peter 2:9

God, we give You thanks for the gift of prayer. Thank You for the sacrifice of Jesus Christ—through whom the veil was torn, and we are invited into Your holy presence to lay our requests at Your feet. May we never take for granted this sacred privilege of entering Your throne room with confidence and humility.

Lord, we praise You for the mighty movement of Your Holy Spirit among the people of the Global

Methodist Church. What a gift it is to be part of what You are building. By Your grace, You have called us a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, Your treasured possession. Let us faithfully reflect Your light and Your love to a world longing for hope and truth. As we launch into General Conference 2026, we ask that Your Spirit would go before us and lead us—guiding every conversation, shaping every worship service, directing every meeting, and filling every space devoted to this holy work. Anoint the eyes of our heart to see clearly and our ears to hear faithfully what You are speaking. May every word proclaimed be supernaturally dipped in the blood of Jesus and carried by the Holy Spirit penetrating our hearts and transforming us from the inside out.

Make us changed people. Make us empowered people. Make us sent people—ready to live out Your calling with boldness and grace. This day we say come, Holy Spirit, have Your good and Your perfect way in and through us. We ask these things in the Name that is above all names - the name of our Lord and our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen. Amen. Amen.

— Ms Dana Gilliam, North Alabama Conference

August 30th — Psalm 29:2

Heavenly Father, Hallowed be Your Name! We deeply desire to ascribe to You the reverence and glory due Your most holy Name—the Name that is above all other names in heaven and on earth. We earnestly seek to magnify Your great Name among all the peoples and nations of the earth to Your great glory, honor and praise. Hallelujah!

Holy, holy, holy! Heaven and earth are filled with Your Glory. We enter Your Presence with wonder as we gaze upon the splendor of Your holiness. We stand in awe—almost speechless—at the beauty of Your grandeur. How can mere words adequately express the magnitude of Your greatness? We love, adore, and worship You, Lord Jesus, in the beauty of Your all-attractive holiness. You are altogether lovely. There is none other. You are clothed in majesty and completely lovely in splendor. You deserve our utmost admiration and devotion of heart and life. You bring us great joy in Your Presence as we gaze upon the beauty of Your purity.

Who is like You, Lord? We entreat You to transform us into Your likeness, Lord Jesus! Your value and worth are beyond compare! We join with the angels recorded in Revelation saying:

“Worthy are You, the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and riches and wisdom, and strength and honor and glory and blessing!” We also join with all creation in heaven and on earth saying: “Blessing and honor and glory and power be to You who sits on the throne, and to You, the Lamb, forever and ever!” In Jesus’ Name we pray, Amen!

— Rev Laura Ballinger, Great Lakes Conference

August 31st — Psalm 24:1 & 10

Heavenly Father, we acknowledge that the earth is yours and everything in it, help us to live with humility and gratitude knowing that we are stewards of your creation. Lord create in all the delegates clean hands and a pure heart by removing anything within all the delegates that is not pleasing you. Remove every hidden sin, wrong motive, and unclean thought. Lord strengthen all the delegates to walk in righteousness, keeping all the delegates from falsehood. Help them trust completely in you and not to be distracted by evil event around them. King of glory we invite you in every area of discussion, please take control of every delegate's heart, mind, and decision in the General Conference. King of glory, we pray that you reveal yourself to all the delegates in a deeper way. Guide their steps and direct their path so that they can walk in your truth. Let your presence go before them to open doors that can not be shut. Mighty God, as they deliberate may every closed door, barrier, and limitation be removed in Jesus' name.

Mighty God, you are strong in battle so we ask you to fight every battle on our behalf and give us victory over every challenge in the General Conference, amen.

— Rev Joel Yarvinta, Southern Nigeria Conference

September 1st — Psalm 96:9

Holy God, our Father in heaven, from every corner of the earth Your people called the Global Methodist Church have gathered here in South Africa to exalt Your name. With grateful hearts and lifted hands, we come before You with songs of praise. We sing a new song to You, O God—declaring Your greatness, proclaiming Your majesty, and celebrating Your holiness. Together with the multitude of angels in heaven, we cry out that You alone are worthy - worthy of all praise, worthy of all honor, worthy of all worship. Father, we long for Your name to be hallowed among us. Let Your holy name be lifted high in this place. Let Your name be revered, honored, and glorified by every heart and every voice. May Your name be glorified in every committee meeting, every worship gathering, and every plenary session. In our plenary sessions, may the sound of “Hallelujah” rise from our lips. Let every conversation, every decision, and every moment become an act of worship before You. Lord, we lay down our own agendas at Your feet. We fix our eyes upon Jesus Christ alone. We align our hearts with Your will and Your agenda for the Global Methodist Church. And O God, we ask—let the revival fire of Scriptural holiness ignite in this place. May the flame of revival spark from the very floor of these plenary sessions here in South Africa, and may that fire spread to every Global Methodist congregation around the globe. May the nations see Your glory. May Your church be awakened. May Your Spirit move among us in power. We pray all of this in the mighty and precious name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

— Rev Leo Park, Northeast Conference

September 2nd — 1 Samuel 16:6 & 7

Lord, YAHWEH, God Almighty, today is yet another day that history will be recorded in the Global Methodist Church. Delegates from across our connection have nominated candidates from whom some will be elected Bishops to serve our fast-growing denomination. Lord Yahweh, I present before you these nominated candidates.

Lord Jesus Christ, search the hearts of the Delegates, may the Holy Spirit filter their common human trait of judging based on outward appearances that is contrary to God's way of looking at the heart. As each and every one reflects on all that they might have read, consulted and concluded in their human judgment, I pray that may you now narrow and direct their thoughts toward the candidates of your choice. For these expected new sets of Bishops are not going to serve themselves but the Living Church of Jesus Christ through the Global Methodist Church. We rely totally on you in this moment of concern.

Jehovah Yahweh, you value the inner character and intentions of individuals over their outward appearance. This has been a consistent message throughout the history of the Bible as it concerns selecting leaders to guide your people. Lord Jesus Christ, help the expected Bishops to be humble like David. A humble shepherd boy with a heart devoted to God and who goes on to become one of the most famous and faithful kings in Israel's history, even though he was an unexpected candidate when Samuel went to select a king who was to rule over the Israelites.

Gracious Father God, may those candidates who do not get elected be at peace. While this is not your plan for their lives, you always bring about something better than we had in mind. Therefore, we trust you. May these verses of 1 Samuel 16:6–7 encourage us to look beyond the surface and to cultivate hearts that are pleasing to you. This I pray with thanksgiving in the Powerful Name of Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

— *Rev Titus Ibrahim Loh, Northeast Nigeria Conference*

September 3rd — John 17:11

Abba, thank you for the opportunity to come together in prayer once again and to stand in the gap for all the delegates as they face the task of electing our Bishops for the next 6 years. We pray against any form of politicking and biases toward self-gain or false loyalty. Instead, we ask that Your Holy Spirit guide them as they prayerfully seek your will on who they should elect. Let them not look at outward appearance or rely on human wisdom, but may they depend on your guidance as you lead them to choose the right people who will serve with humility and full reliance on you; people who will not abuse their position but will lead by example as servant leaders. May unity reign as Jesus Himself prayed, so that there will be no rebelliousness or disgruntlement after the election has ended but rather let peaceful acceptance and joy over the results be evident among them all.

As for the newly elected Bishops, may they also move in unity, first with you, standing in humble awe of being chosen for such a task, and second with each other. Let there be no feeling of competition or insecurity but rather a sense of teamwork and equality. May they be in full agreement that they must all be Spirit dependent and empowered in order to fulfil the tasks expected of them to lead the GMC with your wisdom and guidance. As they lead with their God given authority, keep them from a spirit of entitlement that would cause them to lord it over the conferences they have charge over. Instead, let them walk in prayerful humility, giving permission to be care-fronted when necessary in the spirit of accountability. In Jesus' name, amen.

— *Rev Vida Mei Rivera, Mega Manila Conference*

September 4th — John 17:23

Beloved God, our Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, we come before You to express our gratitude for Your immense love toward us.

It is our prayer that, just as Jesus Christ is in us and You are in Him, this unity may be evident at every moment of the Global Methodist Church General Conference. We come from different regions, cultures, languages, and customs. But in you, Lord, we are one through the Holy Spirit who dwells within us.

May the gifts You have given us, the skills You have bestowed upon us, the abilities You have forged within us, complement each other throughout the entire process, being one Body in Christ Jesus.

Guide us, Lord, to walk together in unity, that we may be of one mind, that cultural barriers may not be a limit, but rather that the richness of each culture may be manifested because we worship the same God, we praise the same Creator and Lord, and in you we are one. Amen

— *Ms Carmen Mollo, Peru Conference*

September 5th — Psalm 27:13 & 14

Almighty God, You are our Creator, our Deliverer, our Strength, our Refuge, and our Stronghold — Yahweh. We bow before You with grateful hearts and give thanks for Your constant presence, for You have been moving and working among us throughout this General Conference. Father, we confess that there have been moments this week when we have leaned into our own desires and expectations instead of fully leaning into Your will - when we have spoken more than we have listened, resisted new or different ways, and rushed ahead instead of waiting upon You. Forgive us, Lord.

As we enter this final day of the General Conference—with our urgency, our agendas, and our desire to finish what lies before us—do not let us miss You in the details or rush past Your voice. Open our eyes and hearts that we may know the width, depth, and height of Your call upon each of us and upon the Global Methodist Church.

God, You will not be stopped. We pray for the revival of Your Holy Spirit across the earth—not because of who we are or what we have done, but because of who You are. May every village, town, city, and community bow before You as they come to know Your goodness, mercy, and grace. Align our hearts with Your will, O Lord. Weave the Global Methodist Church together so we do not unravel Your work through our own desires, plans, egos, titles, complacency, or pride.

We wait for You, Lord. Teach us to wait with humility—for Your timing, Your anointing, and Your will. In Jesus' name, we quvah—we wait with expectation. Amen.

— *Ms Jan Floro, Trinity Conference*

September 6th — Matthew 28:16 – 20

Heavenly Father, King of all kings, we come before you at this moment and humble ourselves. As we tear down the tents that were built here in South Africa and prepare to travel back to our homes to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ, may we be connected with God our Creator, and one another, through our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Help us to forget about the past and focus into the future of God's will for our church.

Our Lord, you have promised us that you will never forsake us and you will be with us to the ends of the world. Help us to trust this promise. Our Lord, you have commanded us to baptize those who repent and teach them to obey all your commandments. Help us to go and do the same. Therefore, go Saints! May you travel safely, may our Lord protect all your servants that blessed these mountains of South Africa during General Conference. May all the proceedings that took place here be honoured, we pray in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, amen.

— *Mr Patrick Magaqa, South Africa Conference*

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